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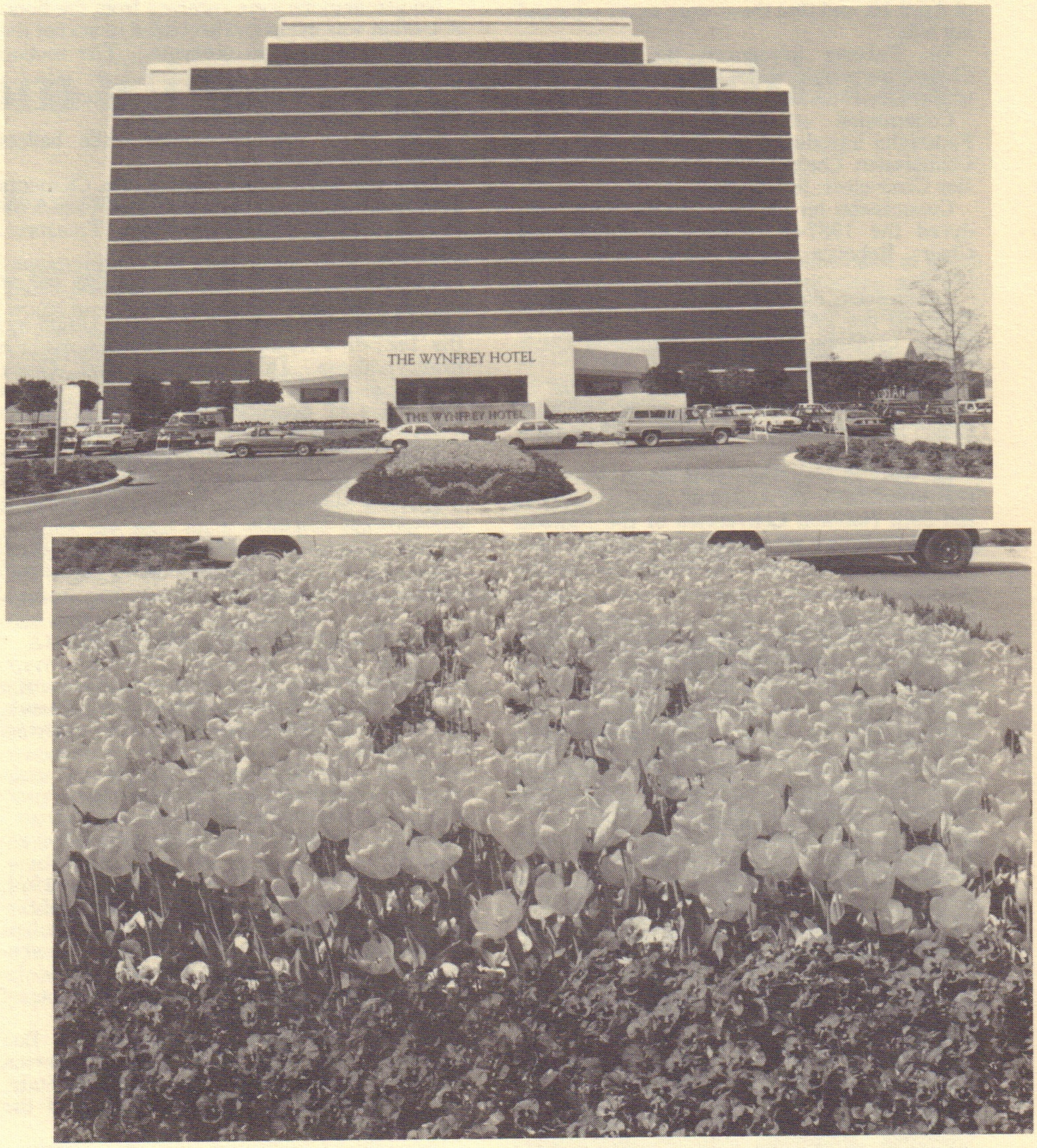

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Editor's Note

This issue of the AJCCA Journal will highlight the 1987 AJCCA Convention which was held in Birmingham this past spring. In spite of proration and other problems, this was one of the most successful conventions in the history of the Association.

Lucy Kubiszyn
Editor, AJCCA Journal

AJCCA 1987 Business Meeting Minutes

The annual AJCCA Business Session was held Friday, April 10, 1987 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wynfrey Hotel, Hoover, Alabama.

Dr. Janice Roberts called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

The minutes of the 1985-86 meeting were presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept them. The motion passed.

Dr. Carole Canfield gave the Treasurer's Report noting that the balance was $31,796.84 of April 10, and that there were many outstanding bills.

Dr. Roberts introduced the Commission Chairs at which time they introduced the officers for 1987-88.

Commission on Administration: Richard Federinko introduced the 1987-88 officers as: Commission Chair: Nathan Hodges; Commission Chair-elect: Jim Krudop.

Commission on Faculty: Bennie Ford introduced the 1987-88 officers as: Commission Chair: Rebecca Corder; Chair-elect: Linda Grote.

Commission on Students: Yvette Busby introduced the 1987-88 officers as: Commission Chair: Lydianne Merritt; Commission Chair-elect: Susan Elliott.

Commission on Support: Max Ammons introduced the 1987-88 officers as: Commission Chair: Beverly Smith; Commission Chair-elect: Elvie Williamson.

Dr. Gary Branch, Phi Theta Kappa Presidential Ambassador for Alabama, gave a report on the 69th National Convention of the National Phi Theta Kappa where Alabama Chapters won numerous awards. He encouraged the institutions to participate in Phi Theta Kappa.

Dr. Roberts expressed her appreciation to all those who assisted the Executive Committee during the year in organizing, planning, and hosting the annual convention. She also gave a summary of the 1986-87 AJCCA activities in which she announced the appointment of the members of the ad hoc Constitutional Revision Committee as specified in the 1987 Executive Committee recommendation. The members of the Constitutional Revision Committee are: Dr. Ben Clements, Jefferson State; Ms. Rebecca Corder, Calhoun; Ms. Nancy C. Brunson, Enterprise; Mr. Ulysses McBride, Faulkner; Ms. Jacqueline Hyde, Southern Union; Mr. Jim Krudop, Lurleen B. Wallace; and Mr. Alfred Evans, Lawson State.

Dr. Roberts reported that during 1987-88 Dr. Philip Royal, Jefferson State, Dr. Arthur Howington, Shelton State, and Dr. Ben Clements, Jefferson State will research and write the history of AJCCA.

Dr. Ben Clements, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, introduced members of the committee and presented the slate of nominees recommended by the committee. Nominees are: Vice-President/President Elect: Richard Federinko, Southern Union; Dale Hill, Gadsden. Treasurer: Alan Nichols, Enterprise; Herb Traylor, Alexander City.

No nominations were received from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of nominees as presented. The motion passed.

Ballots were distributed and collected by the Election Committee.

Door prizes were presented while ballots were being counted.

After the ballots were counted, Dr. Clements gave the results as follows: Vice-President/ President Elect: Richard Federinko; Treasurer: Alan Nichols.

Dr. Roberts asked if there was any old or new business. There was none.

Dr. Roberts introduced Dr. Tom Umphrey, the 1987-88 President. Dr. Umphrey made a brief address. Dr. Umphrey and Grace Kelly presented Dr. Roberts with a plaque and roses in appreciation for her work as 1986-87 president.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvie Williamson

Report From The Joint Study Committee

Membership: Dr. Jo Beene, Chair; Mr. Willis Goolsby; Mr. Rick Rogers; Mr. Johnny Joyner; Mr. Ron Estridge; Dr. Ben Clements; Dr. Bennie Ford; Mrs. Frances Lowery, ex officio; Dr. Janice Roberts, ex officio.

The AJCCA Joint Study Committee on membership presented its report at the January 9, 1987 Executive Committee meeting. The report showed that 24% of the "Survey on Membership" questionnaires were returned. A majority of those responding (60%) indicated the membership provision of the constitution should be changed to provide membership to all personnel in the Alabama College System. Despite these results the Joint Study Committee recommended that "a constitutional amendment concerning membership is not in the best interest of the organization at this time." Two key factors that influenced the committee to make the recommendation were: (1) the lack of clarity in the current constitution with respect to membership categories and voting privileges and (2) the current economic restrictions that could prevent members from attending the Convention and therefore prevent them from voting on any amendment.

Executive Committee response to recommendations from Joint Study Committee:

The Executive Committee accepted the report from the Joint Study Committee and voted to concur with the recommendation. In addition, the Executive Committee acknowledged the validity of the broader constitutional concerns raised by the Joint Study Committee and incorporated a call for a general revision of the constitution as part of the response. The complete response is as follows:

The 1986-87 AJCCA Executive Committee recognizes that the Joint Study Committee was judicious and fair, and included membership from junior, community, and technical colleges,

AND recognizes that the AJCCA Constitution requires that any amendment to the constitution be voted on only by persons in attendance at the Convention

AND because current economic restraints could prohibit good attendance at the Convention

AND because the Executive Committee recognizes that the AJCCA Constitution needs substantial revision in many areas

THEREFORE, it is the opinion of the Executive Committee that a constitutional amendment on membership only is not in the best interest of the organization at this time; instead, a general revision of the current constitution should be undertaken and should include the results of the survey obtained by the Joint Study Committee. The AJCCA President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Constitution Revision Committee.

Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey
1987-88 AJCCA President
Executive Vice President of Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Tom's Thoughts

"From my perspective, it seems that we, as a group, can be proud of our past accomplishments, our colleges are truly a driving force for education in the state."

Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey
1987-88 AJCCA President
Executive Vice President
Shelton State Community College

I've attended AJCCA meetings since 1972, and yet, in my opinion, the 1987 meeting in Birmingham did more to bring together all of us within the system than any previous convention.

As an Association, we have three areas of focus for the coming year.

First, a committee, composed of Ben Clements and Phillip Royal both of Jefferson State and Arthur Howington of Shelton State, will be involved in writing a history of the Association.

Secondly, a Constitution Revision Committee whose purpose will be to revise the AJCCA Constitution has been activated. We will keep you informed as things develop, with results scheduled to be presented to the membership for approval at the 1988 convention.

Finally, we must deal with illiteracy, a major problem facing our nation. The American Association of Community and Junior Colleges continues to lead in the fight against illiteracy through Project Plus. Statewide, Governor Hunt has made this one of this major initiatives, and the state's two year colleges are the logical delivery system. The Chancellor's office through DIMENSIONS 2000 has made the attack on illiteracy one of the seven major objectives under economic development for the state. AJCCA pledges the resources of the organization in the total fight.

Our colleges continue to be recognized for the fine instruction provided our students as well as our sincerity in offering opportunity to those who would have little chance to further their education.

I believe we have a lot to look forward to this year, and my pledge is to work closely with the AJCCA Executive Committee in order to make this the most productive year in the history of the Alabama Junior and Community College Association.

Dr. Sliger keynotes 1987 AJCCA Convention. L-R, Dr. Janice Roberts, 1986-87 AJCCA president, and Jeff State president Dr. Judy Merritt.

Dr. Roberts turns the gavel over to Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey, executive vice president of Shelton State Community College.

Highlights from Sliger's Keynote Address

Alabama Junior and Community College Association
Thursday, April 9, 1987

The Quest for Excellence in 2 + 2 higher education for Florida students began over thirty years ago when the governor of the state, LeRoy Collins, realizing an era of tremendous growth for Florida was beginning, foresaw the need to provide higher education to thousands of young Floridians.

The governor's efforts led ultimately to a plan, established by the legislature, which located a community college within fifty miles of every resident of Florida. Once the quest for access to higher education was solved, the quest for proving that the new community college system could provide an adequate first two years of a 2 + 2 education began.

According to Dr. Sliger, Florida State University was aggressive in accomplishing this second quest. Initially, FSU made two efforts which proved the value of the community colleges in Florida's higher educational system: 1) Members of the FSU faculty visited on community college campuses to meet faculty and prospective students. 2) Studies analyzing the performance of transfer students were conducted. After explaining the success of these early efforts, Dr. Sliger added, "By the mid-1970's, the battle was won at FSU. We established an Office of Community College Relations, employed a former community college president as its director, and began to cultivate the community colleges, and recruit their students to complete their education with us. Our faculty senate approved a very simple articulation agreement. It stated that a student, transferring to Florida State from a Florida public community college, with an A.A. degree, would be considered to have completed one-half of his undergraduate study and satisfied our liberal studies requirement."

Although not all four year institutions in Florida were as willing as FSU to foster the articulation process, smooth and effective articulation is now a reality in Florida. This is true for several reasons. A statewide, common course numbering system has been established and all public institutions of higher learning in Florida are now on a common calendar. All state universities must have articulation offices, issue counseling manuals, hold orientation programs, and provide registration opportunities that do not favor native students.

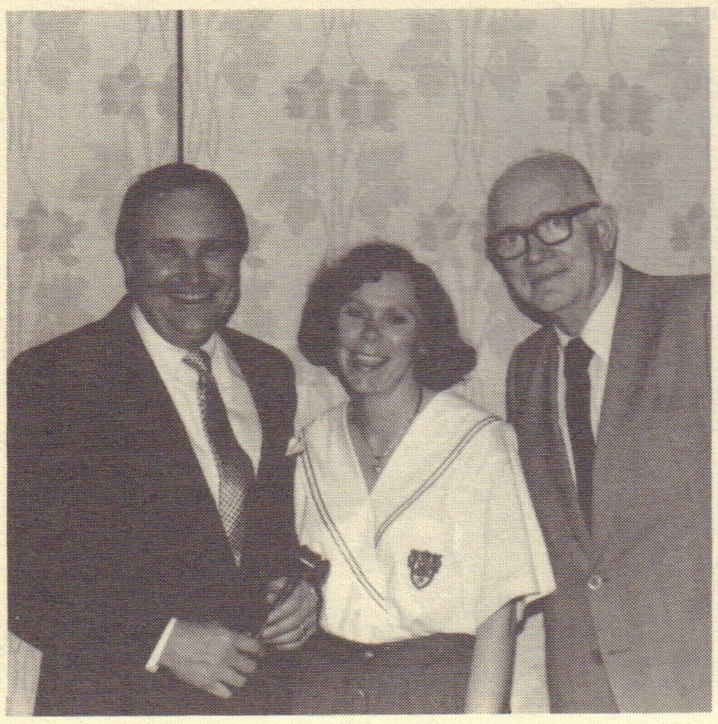
After most of the problems of articulation were solved, educators in Florida began to strive to improve the quality of education at every level. One of the most important changes to affect the quality was the establishment of a mandatory testing program. All students must pass the required exam before they enter the lower division of any state university or public community college. A second test must be passed before any community college or university student enrolls in the upper division of a state university.

Most Florida educators know that the quest for quality cannot rely on testing alone and educators at Florida State continue to develop close working relationships with their counterparts in community colleges. For example, FSU holds conferences on a discipline basis at which teachers from two year institutions and four year institutions interact. Also, FSU has started a newsletter for community colleges to keep faculty and staff aware of the latest developments on campus. The College of Business has reserved some of its accounting scholarships for transfer students, and this year a scholarship for the Oxford/London program will be offered to a transfer student. Additionally, an alumni chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been established.

In closing, Dr. Sliger emphasized the keys to the success FSU has realized. "First, we are pleased when our transfer students are proud of their community college background and we want to encourage them. We have one residence hall which is a transfer hall and the students there have a wonderful sense of community." He continued, "the second key has been faculty involvement. It has served us well that our Faculty Senate entered into an articulation agreement before it was mandated by the state."

Looking toward the future, Dr. Sliger concluded, "Further, we want our faculty to get to know the community colleges so that they will develop the respect for them that they deserve. We also want them to know and work with individual community college faculty, for we believe that their working together will lead us forward in our Quest for Quality in 2 + 2 education."

Birmingham 1987 AJCCA Convention



Convention Highlights

THE ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM

Community ☐ Junior ☐ Technical ☐ Upper Division

House Proposes Level Funding

On May 19, the Alabama House of Representatives approved a $113.9 million budget for operations of Alabama's community, junior and technical colleges. The budget essentially provides level funding for 1987-88.

The entire $2.1 billion education budget, passed 102-2 in only 10 legislative days, includes a $21 million reserve against proration, as well as a substantial increase in appropriations for Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Program (PEEHIP) coverage. Alabama College System employees' health insurance costs of $2 per month for single coverage will not increase next year if the allocation is approved in the Senate.

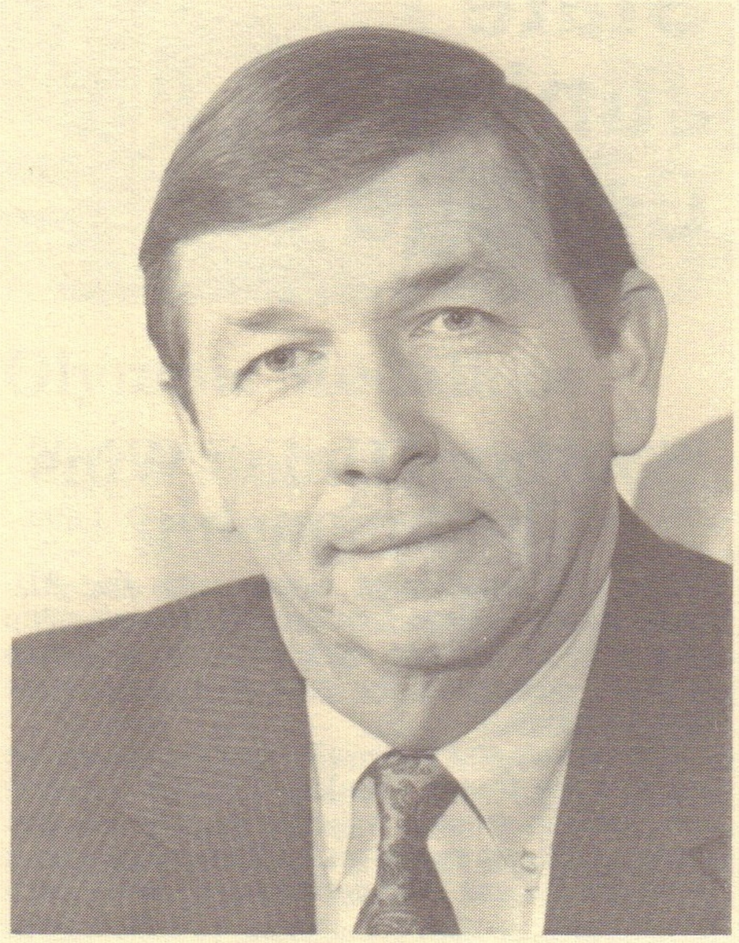
The House budget also funds all universities, except Alabama State and Alabama A&M, at the same level next year as this year.

The Alabama College System's budget request — $159 million for operations, our number one priority, and $129 million for capital outlay — was presented in Feburary to the State Board of Education, the Legislature's Joint Budget Committee and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE). The request, which reflected the System's needs and priorities established in our strategic plan *Dimensions 2000,* included restored funding ($26.5 million) for all line-item appropriations. These line items covered professional development, equipment, facility renewal, library enhancement and other priorities essential to instructional quality.

Action on the budget is being monitored by a legislative committee composed of system personnel. The committee is now working with the Senate, where the budget is currently under consideration.

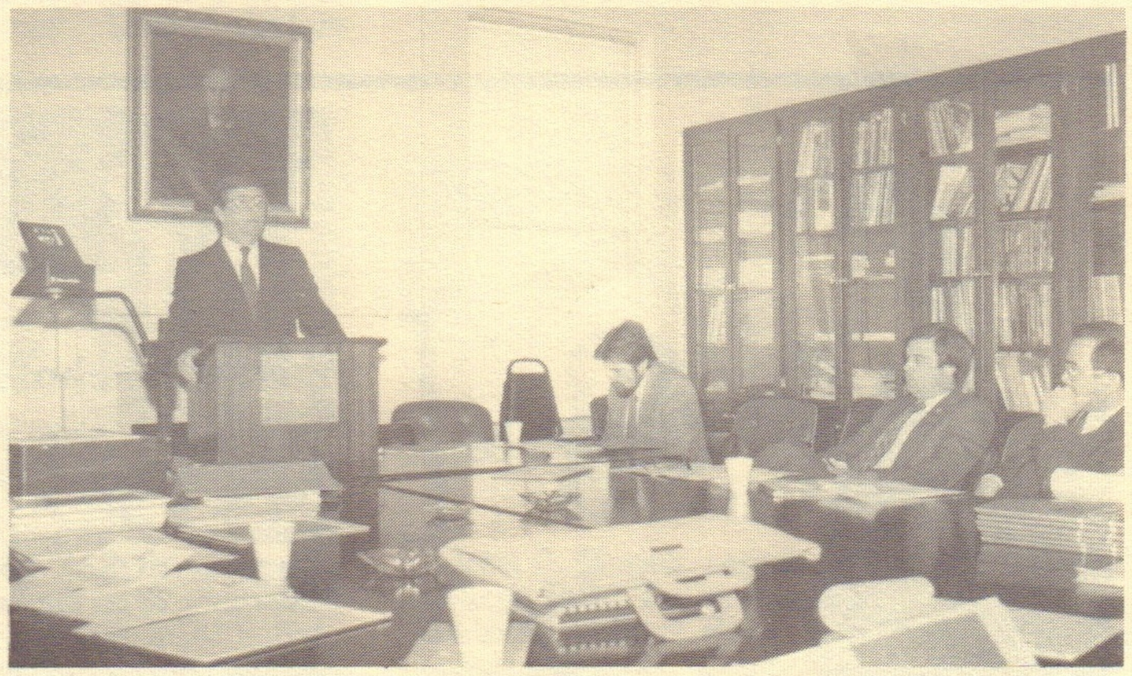
The Alabama College System's commitment to initiating a new cycle of progress in Alabama by continuing our emphasis on high-quality education remains unchanged. Since the System currently serves 36 percent of all higher education students with only 21 percent of the funds, the legislative committee is working very hard to maintain the System's fair share of the "historical split" of education dollars. Our objective is to obtain the best budget possible in light of our goals, objectives and needs with careful consideration given to the state's current financial posture.

Dr. Charles L. Payne, Chancellor
The Alabama College System



Dr. Charles L. Payne
Chancellor, Alabama College System

During a February 27 budget hearing before the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), Chancellor Charles Payne documented the System's need of $159 million for operations for 1987-88. Dr. Payne also presented a $129.3 million budget request for systemwide capital outlay needs.



Chancellor Charles Payne discussed System goals and objectives with the presidents of The Alabama College System's nine standing associations during a meeting held recently at Knox Hall. Agenda items included the 1987-88 budget request, System publications, System job descriptions and in-house newsletters.

Chancellor Charles Payne (center) and State Board of Education Vice President John M. Tyson Jr. (right) presented awards for superior performance, exemplary service and professional development to Chancellor's Award winners during the Second Annual Celebration of Student Success and Professional Excellence held April 22 at Athens State College. Award winners for 1987 are Mina Dickens of Wallace State Community College, Dothan, Technical College Faculty Member of the Year; Bev Smith of Lurleen Wallace State Junior College, Junior College Faculty Member of the Year; Tammie Brown of Jefferson State Junior College, Staff Member of the Year; and Dr. Lora Conrad of Northwest State Junior College, Administrator of the Year.

Southern Union State Junior College

Drama Club Tours in Europe

The Southern Union Drama Club and its faculty advisor, Mrs. Louise Cox, sponsored a tour during Christmas holidays to The Netherlands and Belgium. Twenty-seven Drama Club members, alumni of Southern Union and other members of the college community made the trip.

Visiting Amsterdam, Holland, for the first three days of the tour, attractions visited included Anne Frank's home, fishing villages of Holland, an Amsterdam city tour, and the palace of Queen Beatrix.

The second portion of the tour took the group through the cities of The Hague, Delft, Rotterdam, and Antwerp while en route to Brussels, Belgium, for the final three days. Scenic attractions in Brussels included the Grand Place with its gothic tower hall, the Atomium, and many interesting shopping areas. On New Year's Day, many people took the train to visit interesting places outside Brussels including the Cologne cathedral in West Germany, Waterloo, and the country of Luxembourg's capital city.

A fitting climax to the tour came on the last day when the group toured the medieval cities of Gent and Brugge, visited castles and a cathedral that contained a rare Michaelangelo statue, and made a challenging 350 foot climb to the top of the Tower of Brugge which was built in the 1400s.

In addition to Mrs. Cox, students attending were Stephanie Wise, Ben Jordan, Tim Sprayberry, Jimmy Sprayberry, Mike Weathers, Joel Upchurch, and Yvette Sparks.

Southern Union Wins Championship

The Southern Union Bisons won the Alabama Junior College Conference championship with a 78-71 decision over Faulkner State on March 4 and gave the college its first state championship.

The victory was especially important because it also gave Coach Frank Gourdouze his first state title in what is scheduled to be his last season as head coach and athletic director at Southern Union. "We definitely wanted Coach Gourdouze to go out in style," said John Twyman, the most valuable player in the region tournament. "He is a great coach and we all thought about him when we started playing in the state tournament."

Miss Southern Union Selected

Miss Jill Elizabeth Peterson, a 19-year-old freshman at Southern Union State Junior College, was selected Miss Southern Union on February 5 at a pageant held on the Wadley Campus. The pageant, a preliminary to the Miss Alabama Pageant, was open to women students between the ages of 17 and 26, and judging was in the four categories of private interview, talent, swimsuit, and evening gown.

Jill, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Curt Peterson, is a 1986 graduate of Auburn High School and attends Southern Union's Opelika Campus. Her talent presentation was a dramatic reading of a poem she had composed.

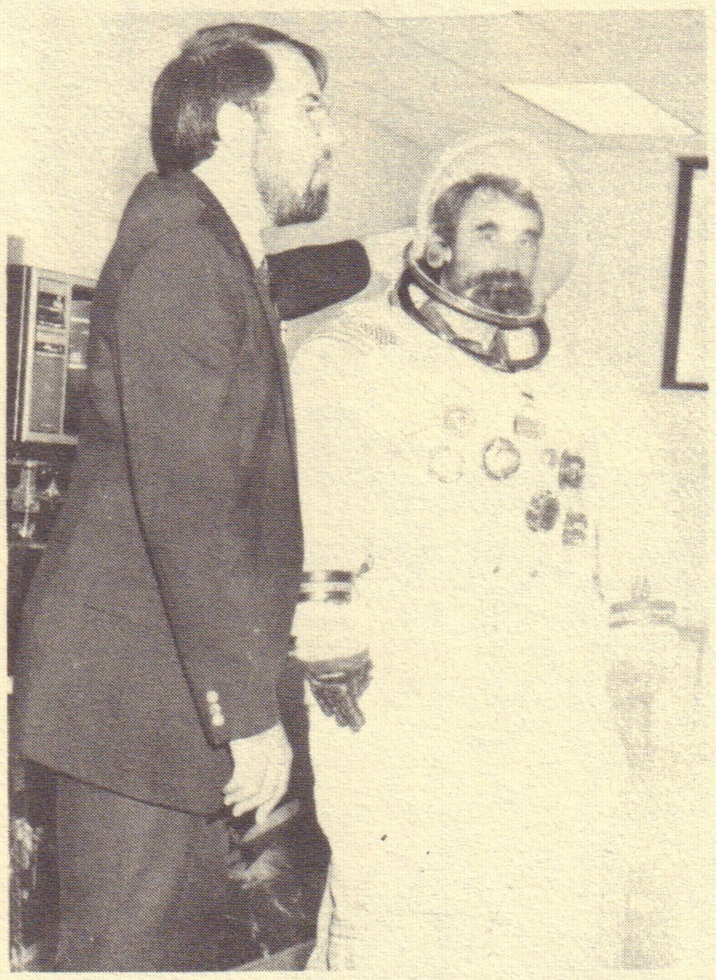
First runner-up was Kathryn Ann Anglin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Theo Anglin of Valley, Al. Kathey is a sophomore at Southern Union majoring in music. Her talent presentation was a vocal solo, "Summertime," from the opera "Porgy and Bess."

Second runner-up was Kimberly Hill, the daughter of Ms. Bessie Hill of Opelika. Kim sang "Over the Rainbow" in talent competition. She is a sophomore at the Wadley Campus of Southern Union.

Other pageant entrants were Michelle Walters, Valley; Natalie Newman, Milltown; Lisa Green, Wedowee; Pamela Bond, Lineville; Cissy Wilkinson, Wadley; and Bernadine Jones, Tuskegee.

As the new Miss Southern Union, Jill Peterson will compete at the Miss Alabama Pageant in Birmingham in June.

Wallace



Ready for Space Trip

John Michel, physics instructor at Wallace College, is ready for a trip into outer space in this NASA space suit. It was part of an exhibit by Dr. Tom Sarko, aerospace education specialist, during a professional development workshop for teachers accompanying their students to the seventh annual Tri-States Math Olympiad at Wallace College. Dr. Sarko spoke on the goals of the space program, the implications of the Challenger tragedy, and the availability of NASA materials for use in public schools.

HOSA Scholarships Awarded

Technical Dean Bill Sherlock presents scholarships to Wallace College in Dothan to two top winners in the recent district competitions of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). The skills contests were held February 28 on the Wallace College campus. At left is Kim Smith who received an academic scholarship as the Outstanding HOSA Student. Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Prattville and a student at the Autauga County Area Vocational Center. Rebecca Hussey (right), winner of the Nurse Assistant contest, received a technical scholarship. She may choose the Practical Nursing program or the Medical Secretary course. A member of the Coffee County AVC chapter of HOSA, Rebecca attends the Zion Chapel High School. She is the daughter of Mr.and Mrs. Ray D. Hussey of Brundidge.

Blount Named Super Scholar

A Super Scholars program, aimed at helping the best students in the Wiregrass transfer directly to prestigious, nationally recognized universities, has been announced by Dr. Nathan Hodges, president of Wallace College.

The first student selected for this program is Amy Blount, a 10th grader at Houston Academy and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Blount of Dothan. A piano prodigy and honor student, Amy plans a double career in music and medicine.

Wallace State Community College
Hanceville, Alabama

Wallace State-Hanceville Singers Rated Superior

The Wallace State-Hanceville Singers, under the direction of James Walker, performed songs from the Vaudeville Era of Pop Music to present "Top Twenty Tunes" during the recent AJCCA convention.

The singers performed by special invitation at Sea World in Orlando, Florida and at Panoply of the Arts in Huntsville. At the National Peanut Festival Competition in Dothan they received superior ratings.

V.I.C.A. State Skill Olympic Medalists

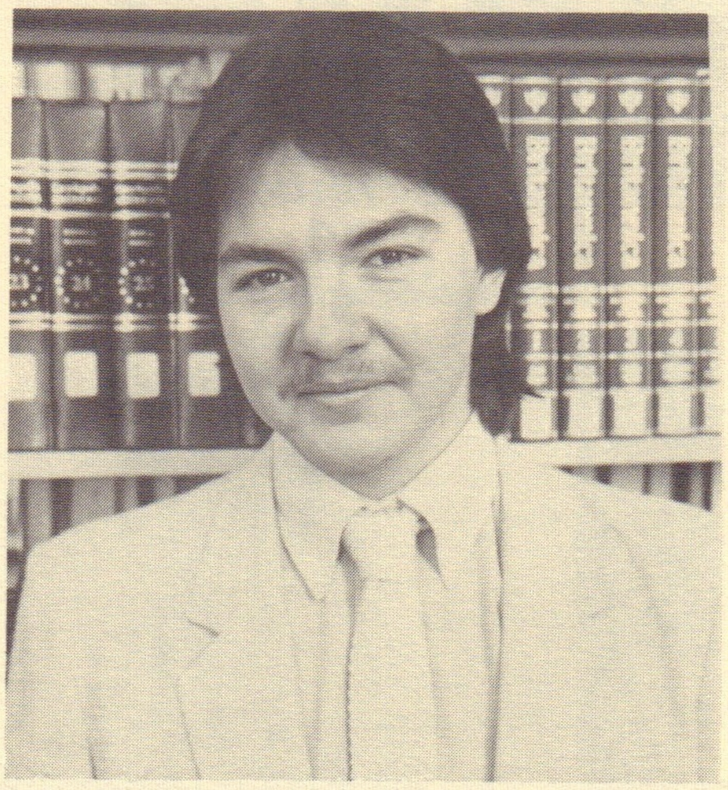
Wallace State Community College V.I.C.A. (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) recently competed in the 1986-87 State Skill Olympics held in Birmingham.

In all, Wallace State won 10 first place Gold Medals, 4 second place Silver Medals and 4 third place Bronze Medals.

The winners shown are (FRONT ROW - from left) Jennifer Hyche (Cordova), Gold Medal, Dental Assisting; Steven Baldwin (Addison), Gold Medal, Opening/Closing Ceremony; Pat Persall (Cullman), Gold Medal, Opening/Closing Ceremony; Wade Moon (Vinemont), Gold Medal, Opening/Closing Ceremony; Pam Jones (Geraldine), Gold Medal, Opening/Closing Ceremony; David Hays (Cullman), Gold Medal, Opening/Closing Ceremony; Bret McPherson (Arab), Gold Medal, Opening/Closing Ceremony; Ken Garrison (Boaz), Gold Medal, Opening/Closing Ceremony; Danny Anders (Hartselle), Gold Medal, Precision Machining.

SECOND ROW: Meleah Nichols (Hanceville), Cosmetology Model; Debbie Jett (Warrior), Silver Medal, Cosmetology; Georgia Perkins (Hanceville), Silver Medal, Upholstery; Mitchell Murphree (Oneonta), Silver Medal, Electronics. THIRD ROW: Jerry Davis (Guntersville), Machine Drafting; Carol Thrasher (Crane Hill), Bronze Medal, Upholstery; Anna Duskin (Albertville), Bronze Medal, Dental Assisting; Kris Hughes (Joppa), Bronze Medal, Culinary Arts. Not pictured are winners Don Wingo (Hanceville), Gold Medal, Diesel Mechanics; and Joy Scheetz (Breman), Gold Medal, Licensed Practical Nursing. All Gold Medal winners will compete in the National V.I.C.A. Skill Olympics as part of the National Convention to be held in Wichita, Kansas June 22-27.

Wallace College



Myrick Competes on National Level

John P. Myrick, captain of the Wallace State College Bowl Team, recently competed on the Alabama College Bowl Team at the National Scholar's Bowl Competition in Pensacola, Florida.

The Alabama College Bowl Team is comprised of the top six individual scorers at the annual state competition. Under John's leadership, the Wallace State College Bowl placed second at the competition.

Jean Jones Honored

The staff at Southeast Alabama Medical Center celebrated National Medical Laboratory Week by presenting a plaque to Jean Jones in honor of her achievements in the field.

As chairman of the Medical Laboratory Technician's program at Wallace College since it started in 1975, she has been directly involved in the education of more than 100 lab technicians. The first class was graduated in the two-year program in 1977. Since then, 77 MLT graduates have completed their studies and 62 of those received their clinical training at SAMC.

Wallace Wins Addys

Wallace College was the recipient of four Addy awards presented recently by the Dothan Advertising Federation. Addys are given for outstanding work in the field of advertising.

The Fall Quarter 1986 Schedule of classes was recognized with a first place Gold Addy. Silver Addys were awarded for the Summer Quarter 1986 Schedule, the Youth College '86 brochure and the "What's Happening at Wallace" newsletter.

The newsletter is written by Mary Bubbett, director of publicity, with graphics work by Debi Breedlove, director of student activities/publications. The other three publications were the work of Mrs. Breedlove.

Lurleen B. Wallace State

Students Honored

Cara Beste, center, has been named "Most Outstanding Student" at LBW and will represent the college at the state convention in Birmingham in April. Traci Holliday, right, was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key as one of Alabama's Most Distinguished Phi Theta Kappa members recently. She serves as president of PTK and Cara serves as treasurer. They are pictured working on the scrapbook with sponsor Ramona Grimes. The scrapbook won "Best of the Year."

Alford Named Counselor/Coordinator

Freddie Alford was recently appointed to the position of Counselor/Coordinator for Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College Student Support Services, according to Lloyd Henderson, director of the program.

Mrs. Alford received her B.S. degree in English from Troy State University and her M. Ed. degree in Guidance and Counseling from Auburn University. She has been in the teaching profession for 17 years and has been a counselor for 7 years. She is a member of several professional organizations, as well as Delta Kappa Gamma, education honorary, and the Junior League of Andalusia.

Mrs. Alford is married to Dr. Tim Alford and they are the parents of two children, Bryan, a freshman at Andalusia High School, and Alyson, a sixth grader at Andalusia Middle School. The Alfords moved to Andalusia in August.

Klett Receives Honor

Imy Klett, art instructor at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College, won "Best in Category" in Watercolor in Art and the Alabama Woman juried exhibited in late March in Mobile.

Jurors for the Mobile show included Barbara Haskell, curator of painting and sculpturing, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, N.Y., Lynda Roscoe Hartigan, curator, The Joseph Cornell Study Center, and assistant curator, painting and sculpting, National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C. and William Schinsky, Manager of Visual Arts, Southern Arts Federation, Atlanta, Ga.

The winning watercolor is titled "LaSalle Lillies" and it is 40" by 50". This piece has been exhibited in the Dixon Center and it was also selected for Troy State University's first show honoring the works of women.

Ms. Klett also exhibited her works in Alabama State Council on the Arts in Montgomery and in Miami, Florida's Art Expo in March.

Northwest

ALABAMA'S FIRST PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE

Wolfskill Recognized

Dr. Gary Wolfskill, Haleyville, was honored as one of only eight nominees statewide from among over 1000 faculty for the Chancellor's Junior College Faculty of the Year Award. He is pictured with the recognition award he received at Athens State. Wolfskill serves as chairperson of the Social Science Division at Northwest Junior College.

Outstanding Student Named

Todd Grant, center, Haleyville, was recently selected as Northwest Junior College's Most Outstanding Student. Todd was one of 32 students selected from junior and technical colleges across the state as "Most Outstanding." He is pictured with State Board of Education member Victor Poole, Fifth District, Moundville, left, and Charlie Britnell, Northwest President, right, at the Alabama College System Award Program held recently at Athens State.

Northwest Hires New Public Relations Officer

A former news reporter and editor has been hired as public relations officer at Northwest Alabama Junior College. Jan Burleson, Florence, was recently selected to fill the position left vacant by Martha Reese. Reese resigned in February to relocate with her family in Virginia.

Burleson graduated from Northwest in 1983. She received her B.A. Degree in Communication Arts from the University of Montevallo. She comes to Northwest from Tri-County Newspapers, Tuscumbia, where she served as a regional news editor. Previously, Burleson was employed at WOWL - TV 15 as a news reporter.

Burleson and her husband Mike reside in Florence. She is the daughter of Gene and Penny Lauderdale of Bear Creek.

JOHN C. CALHOUN
STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Calhoun Mourns the Death of Staff Member

On May 19 at approximately 10:30 a.m. in Huntsville, Alabama, an automobile accident claimed the life of Calhoun staff member Dr. Betsy Cantrell. Dr. Cantrell, 39, had been an employee of Calhoun for 14 years. The last five years she had served as Counselor and Director of Student Activities and Student Center Programming.

Dr. Cantrell's work on the state-wide retention committee and on various task forces brought her recognition on both the local and state-wide levels. Her work at Calhoun broadened the horizons of the Calhoun student body by making available a multitude of speakers, musicians and theatrical productions to both entertain and enlighten those who took advantage of these offerings.

On a more personal note, Dr. Cantrell's personal life and attitude set an example for each staff member and student who had the privilege of knowing and working with her. Her exemplary life was an inspiration to all.

Funeral services for Dr. Cantrell, attended by a vast number of faculty, staff, administrators and students, were held in her home town of Hamilton, Alabama, on May 21.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established in Dr. Cantrell's honor and donations may be made to the Calhoun Foundation, Calhoun Community College, P.O. Box 2216, Decatur, Alabama 35602.

Calhoun Community College Graduation Held

Calhoun Community College celebrated its graduation activities and honored outstanding students in a ceremony on Friday evening June 5, 1987.

Following a reception, in the James Chasteen Student Center, honoring all 1987 graduates of Calhoun Community College, approximately 350 women and men were awarded the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Applied Science degree. The ceremony, held in Kelley Gymnasium, was highlighted by the commencement address given by Mr. Spencer Bachus, Alabama State Board of Education member.

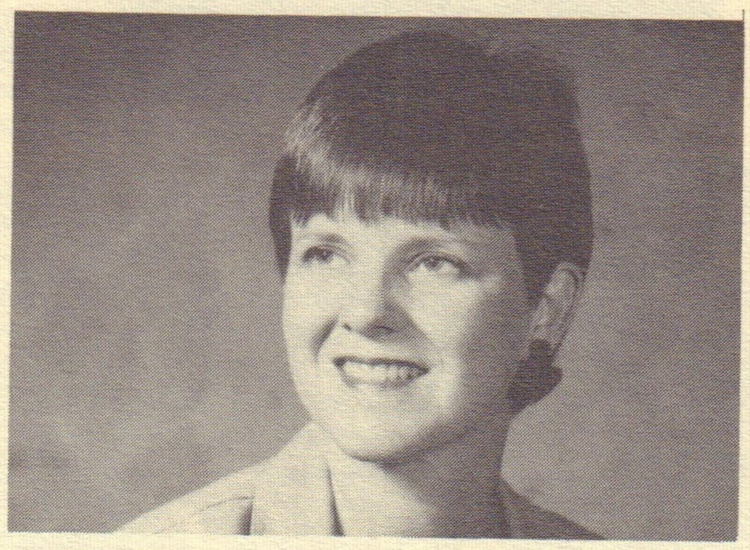
Those in attendance at the ceremony were also treated to the conferring of some awards normally reserved for Calhoun's Honors Day Program. Winner of the Brewer Cup was Calhoun's most outstanding junior college student Jamey Dobbins of Hartselle. The F.O. Smith Award for the outstanding student in the technical area was received by Andrea Ise from Huntsville. Alex Nafe from Rogersville was the recipient of the James B. Allen pin awarded to the student showing outstanding leadership in the area of public relations.

Beard Wins First Place In Literary Competition

English instructor Dr. John Beard is the recipient of the first place award in the State Poetry section of the Hackney Literary Awards for 1987. The literary competition is a highlight each year at the Writers' Conference held at Birmingham-Southern College, where well-known writers are featured presenters. Among this year's conference guests were Edward Albee, Ellen Gilchrist, and Howard Nemerov.

Calhoun Faculty Enjoy Professional Development

During spring professional development days, 12 Calhoun College faculty members participated in the program "Wild Flower Ecology and Ornithology" in the Great Smoky Mountains. Led by Calhoun instructors Bettye Gregg, Don Collier, and George Williams, the participants, at their own expense, spent three days learning more about birds, flowers, and trees. Included in their short course were viewing a special audio-visual program and studying methods of identifying birds, trees, and wild flowers; nature hikes through Sugarlands forest; sampling of hardwood forests and data collection; as well as picnics in the great outdoors. All participants reported that the experience was both enriching and refreshing. Other faculty on campus have indicated an interest in repeating such field trips for professional development.



Villadsen President-Elect of AACA

Dr. Alice W. Villadsen, Calhoun College Division Chairperson of Humanities, was recently elected president-elect of the Alabama Association of College Administrators. A state-wide organization of college and university administrators, AACA is curently composed of representatives from junior, community, and technical colleges; four year colleges, both private and public; and the state universities. Dr. Caine Campbell, dean of liberal arts at Auburn University, serves as president.

Dr. Susan Parker

Parker Named Outstanding Young Alabamian

Calhoun's Director of College Promotions and Alumni has been selected as one of the Alabama Jaycees' ten Outstanding Alabamians for 1987. Nominated by the Hartselle Jaycees, Parker, along with nine other outstanding Alabama residents, was cited for significant community contributions. She will compete at the national level soon.

Calhoun Honors Dean Sandra Martin

Tuesday, May 26, Calhoun Community College graduates, faculty and alumni honored one of their own.

For twelve years, Dr. Sandra K. Martin has been a member of the Calhoun family, first as a student, then as executive assistant to the president and now as dean of administration.

At the Calhoun Alumni Association's annual dinner for graduates, Dr. Martin was given a plaque for "her years of dedicated service" to the college as an alumna and staff member.

Mr. Rex Cheatham, a former classmate and longtime friend of Dr. Martin's spoke of her accomplishments. Cheatham remembered when he first met Dr. Martin as a fellow Student Government Association member, saw her graduate from Calhoun and Athens State College with honors, teach for three years at Brookhaven Middle School in Decatur and then come back to Calhoun to work in administration.

"I'm almost speechless," Dr. Martin said after being given her plaque and a standing ovation. "I'm really surprised and very honored."

Enrollment Increase for Spring Quarter

Director of Admission Dr. Carl Evans reports an increase in enrollment for spring quarter over that of last year, both in student population and FTE. Current figures reflect a headcount of 4,659 in the Junior College with an FTE of 3,183. Last spring's figures were 4,525 and 3,104, respectively.

Current student population for the Technical College is 860, up over last year's spring quarter headcount of 764.

Instructor Gayden Latture is a favorite instructor of Honors Scholar Patricia Cannon (L) and Anita Allcorn (R).

Honors Scholars Program Called "Exciting, Challenging" by Students

Students in the Honors Scholars Program at Jefferson State give a unanimous stamp of approval to the program and its coordinator, biology instructor Dr. Janice Roberts.

Anita Allcorn of Oneonta said she learned about the program through her counselor in high school. She completed Honors Scholar application forms along with her admissions application. After applying, she met and was interviewed by Dr. Roberts.

Anita, now in her fourth quarter at Jefferson State, names several instructors who teach honors courses as her "favorite" — including Dr. Pat Fitzsimmons with her expertise in music; Agnes Pollock in literature; she finds Gayden Latture "such a good instructor and so knowledgeable" in history and Drs. Lishawa and Roberts excellent in physics, biology and chemistry.

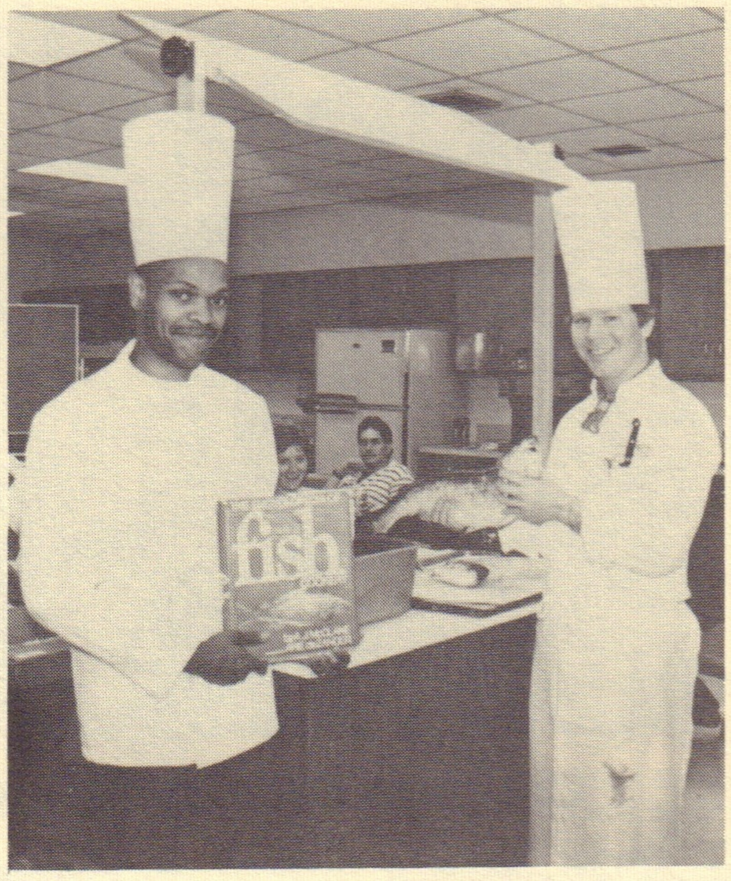
Anita plans to graduate from Jefferson State and wants to transfer to study banking and corporate investment management.

Zane Rhoades of Gardendale, son of Daniel and Linda Rhoades of Ward Hill Road, first learned of the Honors Scholar Program at Jefferson State by receiving a brochure at home. However, what really got his attention and interest was a telephone call from Dr. Roberts suggesting he participate.

Zane says the excellent student-teacher contact means a great deal to him and the other students in the Honors Scholar Program. Educational experiences are not only in the classroom, Zane says, recalling attending symphony concerts with Mrs. Pollock, and PTK meetings where Dr. Roberts attended as club advisor, and also sharing a love for animals with Mr. Latture.

Patricia Cannon, who lives with her parents Stella and John on Scenic View Drive in Crestline says she "loves the program." "This program connects each subject. When you study the literature of a period, you get to study the art of the same time and then you learn about the history of the period — it is exciting to see how everything is inter-related," says Patricia. "Mr. Latture is a concerned teacher who tries to help us understand the past. By doing that, he's really helping us to understand what's happening in the world now!" Patricia is a pharmacy major who plans to transfer to Samford.

Kevin Shaw, from Walker County, heard of the program first from a friend and later received a brochure. He has attended other colleges, but now chooses Jefferson State because of the close contact with instructors and he appreciates the relationships with other people on campus. Kevin says going more in-depth on a subject allows for deeper learning and understanding, and this is what he finds so great about the program. He is studying engineering and accounting, but he says he is also interested in art, music and literature.



Chef Apprentices' Display Wins First Place at Nutrition Expo

The Chef Apprenticeship students in the program coordinated by Food Service instructor Janie Greene recently won first place for foods display. The event took place at a state nutrition annual meeting at the Civic Center in B'ham, sponsored by the Alabama Dietetic Association, the Alabama School Food Service Association and the Alabama Dietary Managers Association.

Jefferson State Chef Apprentice Robert McMinn has a degree from the University of Alabama with a major in history. He says he has been cooking as a hobby since 1970 and entered the JS program in 1986. He now serves as apprentice to Chef de Partie Danny Emmett at the NorthRiver Yacht Club in Tuscaloosa, having worked there full-time since August of 1986.

McMinn's food presentation was a buffet of cold pates and mousses and vegetables. Also presenting were Chef Apprentices David Aaron and Bob Vaningan. David is apprenticed to Executive Chef Kurt Wolfe at Cafe Kira in the Pickwick Complex.

Speech Team Gathers Awards

The Jefferson State Speech Team displays some of the awards won recently in regional and national competition. Advisor is Carol Davenport.

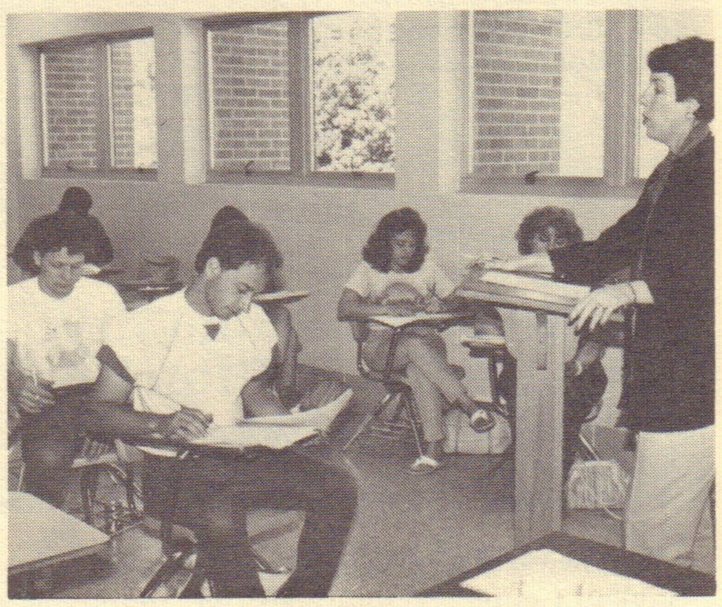
Team members are Cindee Boatright of Bessemer, Harper Russell of Altadena, Heather Strong of Birmingham, Christopher Cole of Trussville, William Bebb of Pinson and Rick Renshaw of Huffman.

Jefferson State

Executive Chef Hoffman Lectures to Chef Apprentice Students

Birmingham Country Club Executive Chef Michael Hoffman, shown here holding an Irish salmon, recently gave a lecture/demonstration to the Chef Apprenticeship students on campus. Russell Wilder, student apprentice to Mr. Hoffman, holds a text which explains the subject of the lecture.

David Aaron, (L) and Robert McMinn as shown here with Food Service Instructor Janie Greene.



Dr. Marshall Lectures in England

Dr. Jo Marshall, Chair of the Division of English at Jefferson State, recently was invited to again give her nationally known lecture/slide presentation on William Faulkner. The invitation came from Norwich City College, Norwich, England.

PTK Names Pi Pi Chapter at Jefferson State to Top Ten

The Pi Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary society for students at two-year colleges, has been named one of the top ten chapters in the nation.

Other awards gathered at the national convention held in Dallas, Texas in early April, were: Top Ten Advisors, Freeman Science Award, First Place Yearbook Cover, First Runner-up in Yearbook, and three scholarships to the Summer Honors Institute.

President for 1986-87 was Lawanda Richardson; First Vice-President, Marie Liechty; Second Vice-President, Annette Clements; Service Projects Coordinator, Patti Douglas; Photographer/Historian, Dee Lantrip; Reporter, Ann Hodges; Editor, Scott Fort; Yearbook Chairperson, Michele Dunn.

Advisors for this outstanding group of students are Dr. Jo Marshall and Dr. Janice Roberts.

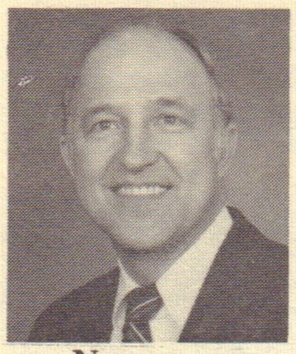
Gadsden State

Dr. Lucian Newman, Jr., Honored

Dr. Lucian Newman, Jr., M.D., was recently honored by Gadsden State Community College and East Alabama Emergency Medical Services for his contributions to emergency medical services in East Alabama.

Dr. Newman started his medical practice in Gadsden in 1968. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama (UAB). He completed a surgery internship and residency with University Hospital, Hillman Clinic and the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Birmingham. While in Birmingham he also served as a clinical instructor with the Department of Surgery of the Medical College of Alabama (UAB).

Dr. Newman is married to the former Jane Leatherbury of Mobile. They have three children.



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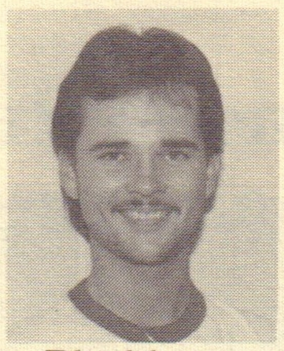
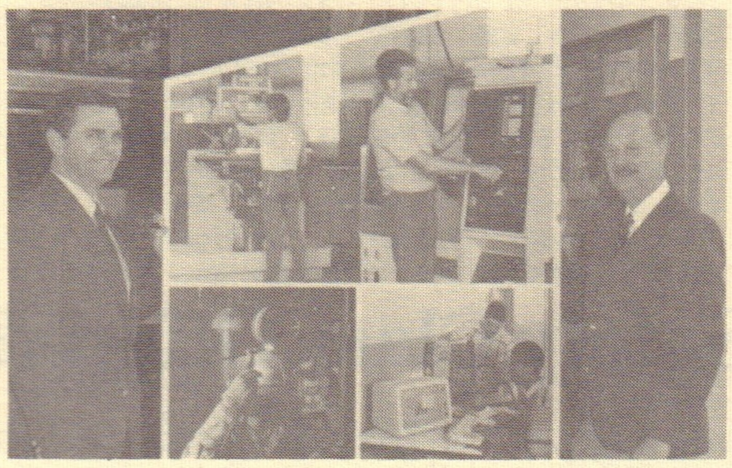


Blackburn

Blackburn to Represent Alabama in National VICA Competition

Mickey Blackburn, a senior at Gadsden High School, has been selected to represent Alabama in the national competition for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). The VICA skills olympics will be held in Kansas in June.

Blackburn is in his fifth quarter in the refrigeration and air conditioning program at Gadsden State Community College. After his graduation from high school this spring, Blackburn will attend GSCC as a full-time student.



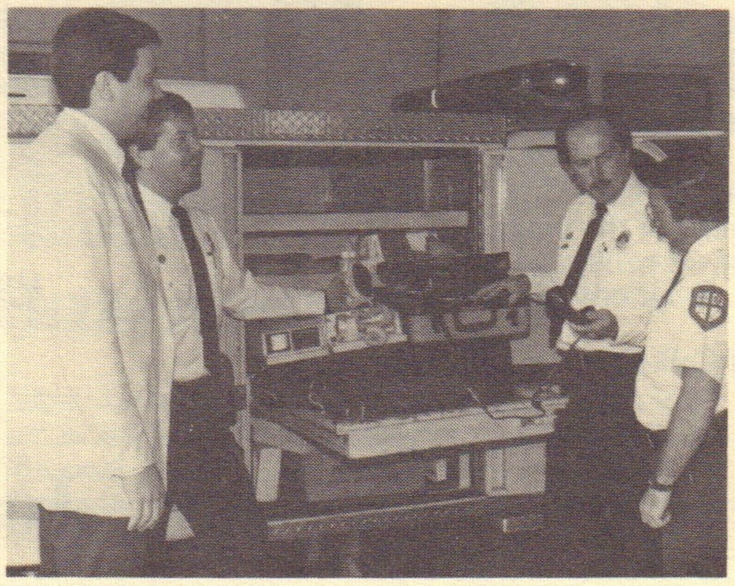
GSCC Updates Murals

Gadsden Mayor David Nolen (left) and Gadsden State Community College President Robert Howard watch as workers replace murals at the Gadsden Airport Terminal Building. The college's new murals reflect the growth of programs in both the Academic and Technical Divisions.

Noel thanked Gadsden State for being the first local industry with a display at the airport, to update the visual materials. He expressed his hope that other industries in the area would follow Gadsden State's lead and replace outdated murals, some of which are over 20 years old.

Reviewing Advance Life Support equipment utilized in the recently accredited Emergency Medical Technology Program at GSCC are (from left) Larry Gosdin, Co-director of the EMT Program, Mike Daugherty, Deputy Chief of the Gadsden Fire Department, Allen Hawkins, Chief of the Gadsden Fire Department and Bill Brodeur, Manager of Ambulance Service, Inc., of Gadsden. Daugherty, Hawkins and Brodeur are all graduates of Gadsden State's Paramedic Program.

The Gadsden Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Inc., Holy Name of Jesus Medical Center and Baptist Hospital play a major role in the clinical training component of Gadsden State's E.M.T. Program.

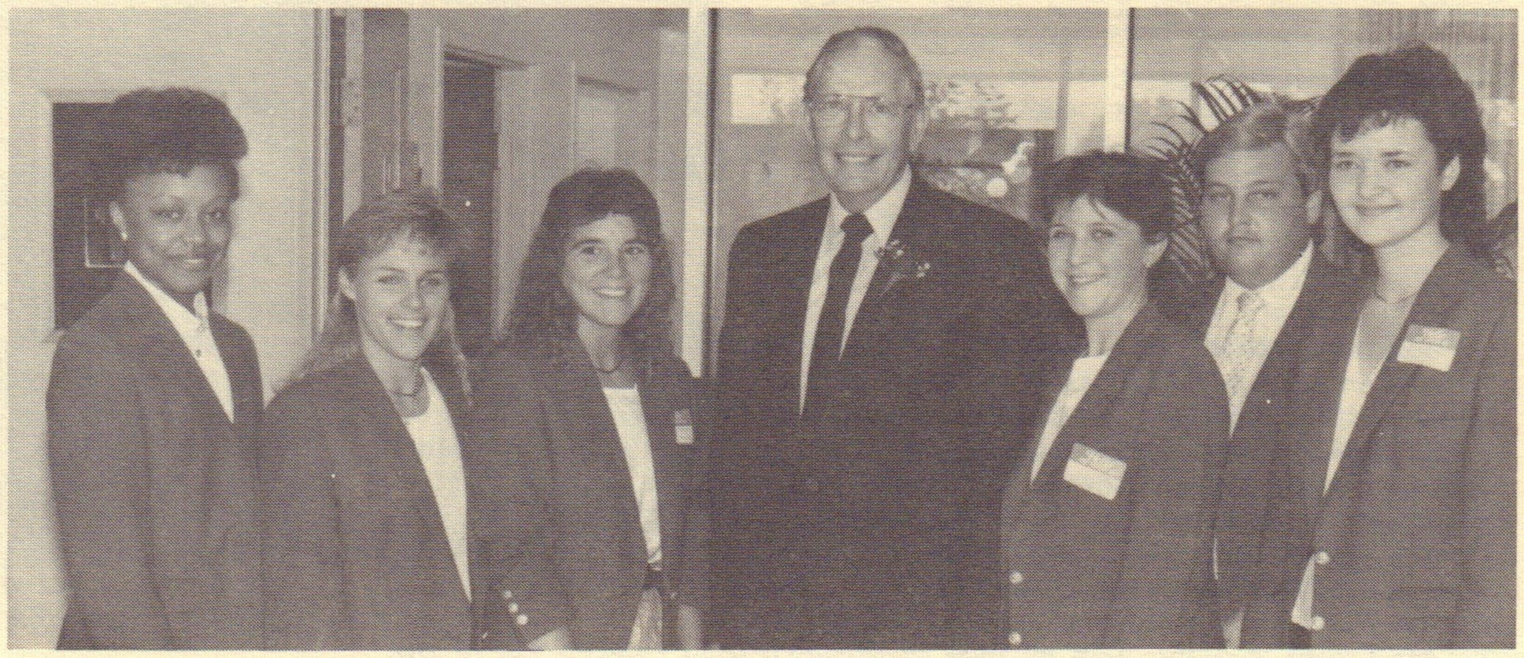


GSCC EMT Program Receives Accreditation

GSCC has received notice that its Emergency Medical Technology Program has been granted accreditation from the National Joint Review Commission on Education Programs for the EMT Paramedic. This gives GSCC's program the distinction of being one of only 14 accredited programs at a junior, technical or community college in the nation and one of three accredited programs in the State of Alabama. There are 35 accredited programs in the U.S.

The accreditation is not only a stamp of approval for the college and its program but in a larger sense is extended to the community as well. "In order for a program to meet all the reqiurements for accreditation," says Larry Gosdin, director of the EMT Program on the Gadsden Campus, "the medical services in the community must also pass the test. The city of Gadsden can be very proud of this honor. "If we hadn't been able to offer our students access to excellent clinical training facilities, the latest health care equipment and the professionals who make it all work, we couldn't have met all the requirements for accreditation. We extend our congratulations and thanks to the community."

The EMT Program at GSCC is the only designated paramedic training facility in an eleven county area. The program at GSCC includes 3 levels of competency, the EMT Basic, the EMT Intermediate, and the EMT Paramedic. GSCC also offers an Associate in Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Technology.

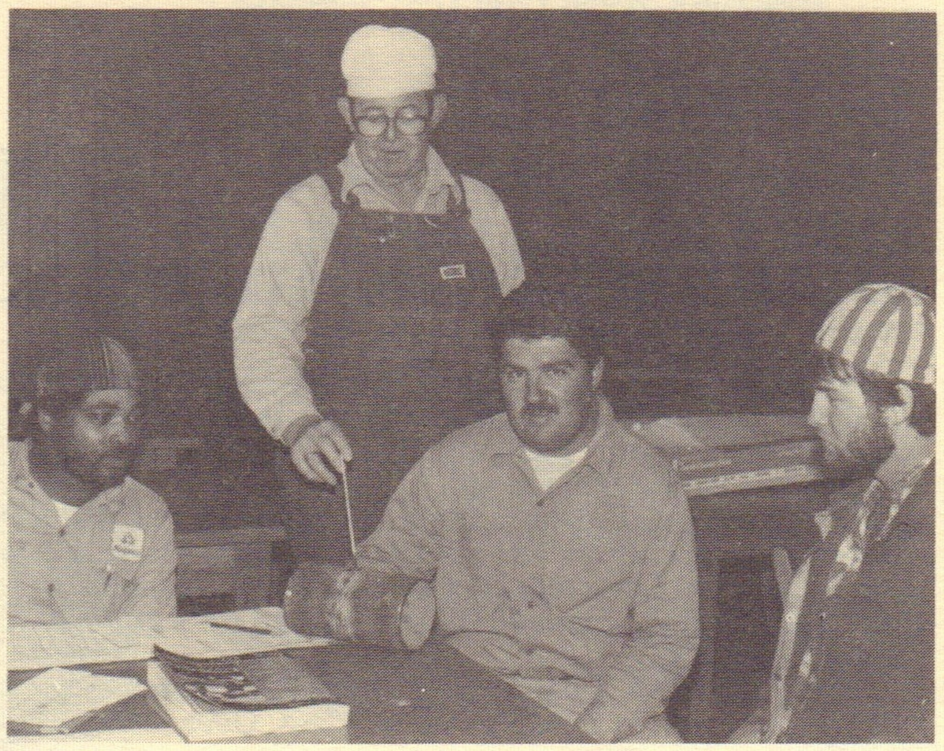


GSCC's Hosts and Hostesses participated in the Fourth Congressional District Art Competition sponsored by Congressman Tom Bevill. Pictured with the Congressman (center) are (from left) Donna Drinkard, Lori Bridges, Ginger Griffith, Lee Ann Simpson, James Martin and Kelly Garner.

Alabama Gas Employees Receive Special Training at GSCC

Through its Office of Economic Development, Gadsden State Community College has coordinated a training program in welding for employees of Alabama Gas Corporation. The program offers training in a very specialized area of welding. Students receive welding training in repairing old gas lines and placing new lines. Welding repair work is often on live gas lines.

Pictured inspecting a weld are instructor D.C. Dean (standing) and Alabama Gas Corporation employees (seated from left) John St. George, Terry Clayton and Tim Beasley.



Faulkner State

Faulkner Wins Advertising Award

ADMISSIONS MARKETING R*E*P*O*R*T, The national Newspaper of Admissions Marketing, has awarded Faulkner State a certificate in recognition of excellence in advertising.

The award winning entry was in the Outdoor Transit Advertising category. Pictures of our billboard on Highway 59 South inviting you to tour Faulkner's campus were submitted and selected as a winner in that category.

Walter Allen, art instructor, and Margaret Strickland, Director of College Relations, were given the certificates on behalf of the magazine.

Allen is an award winning advertising artist. He recently won ADDY Awards and awards from the Southern Public Relations Council in Mobile.

Mrs. Strickland is in her third year as Director of College Relations and is also an English instructor at Faulkner.

Constitutional Forum at Faulkner

Faulkner State will be the site for a panel of distinguished constitutional authorities on April 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the L.D. Owen Performing Arts Center in Bay Minette. This free forum is open to the general public.

On hand for the program will be Judge Cain J. Kennedy, Mobile Court Circuit Court Judge; Attorney William Watts; and Dr. Lemuel Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Middle School Instruction for Mobile County. Judge Kennedy's topic will be "Afro-Americans and the Constitution"; Mr. Watts' topic will be "The History of the Constitution"; and Dr. Taylor's topic will be "It's In Your Hands."

This forum is being held as part of the year-long celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Fishing Class Huge Success

Jim Lyles and Mike D'Olive walked away with top honors in the Faulkner State Armchair Bass Fishing Classic. This classic was held in conjunction with the Faulkner State Fishing Class taught by Gayland Gillikin during Winter Quarter.

Each participant fished three tournaments to accumulate enough poundage to qualify for the top ten fishermen. These top ten then had a tournament and Lyles and D'Olive won with 21 pounds. In addition to the first place trophy, Lyles and D'Olive won a Lew's graphite rod and a large amount of tackle.

During the class, close to $4,000 worth of merchandise was given by various sponsors to members of the class. Over ninety students enjoyed this fishing experience.

Cook Receives Scholarship

Dr. Gary Branch, president of Faulkner State, announced that Tina LaDon Cook, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Cook of Eight Mile, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to attend Faulkner State. Presidential scholarships are given in recognition of a student's outstanding high school record and leadership qualities. Presidential scholarships are two-year full tuition scholarships in the amount of $1200.

Tina is a 1987 graduate of Evangel Christian School where she was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students; a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students; on the honor roll for four years; on the Dean's list for two years; Sophomore class vice-president; Junior class secretary; Senior class treasurer; President of the Beta Club her senior year; Varsity cheerleader for four years; member of the volleyball and softball teams; in the homecoming court for three years; Homecoming Queen her senior year; and valedictorian of the senior class.

Johnson Receives Scholarship

Dr. Gary Branch, President of Faulkner State, announced that Paul Johnson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Johnson, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to attend Faulkner State. Paul is a 1987 graduate of Robertsdale High School. Presidential scholarships are two-year full-tuition scholarships ($1200) that are awarded in recognition of a student's outstanding high school record and leadership qualities.

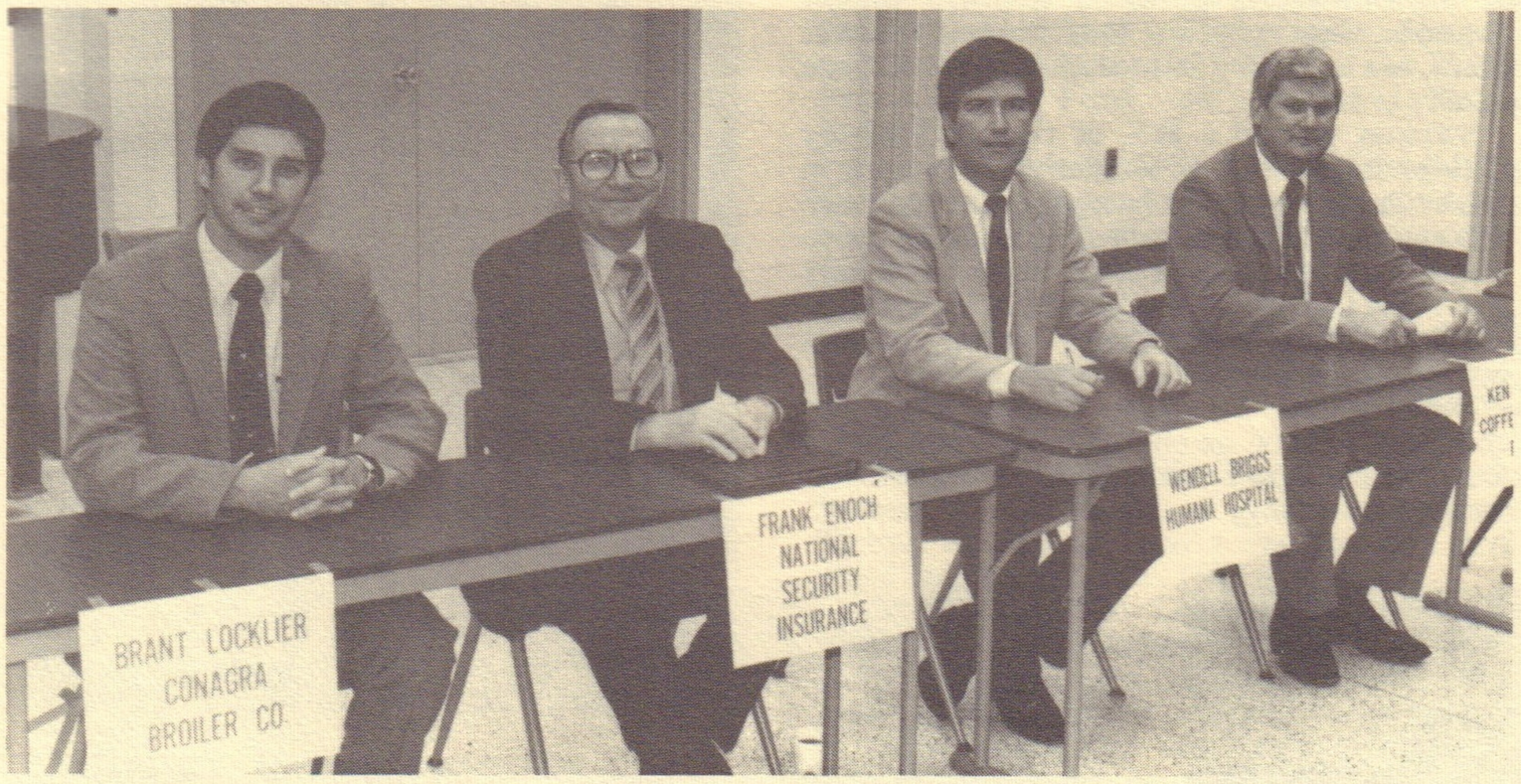
Paul's high school activities and awards included: ranked 7th in senior class at Robertsdale High School; Member of National Honor Society for two years; Member of Junior National Honor Society; Baldwin County Athletic All-American Team for four years; Nominated for National English Merit Award; Academic All-American (National Secondary Education Council); attended Boys State in 1986; Vice-President of Senior Class; Vice-President of National Honor Society; Vice-President of National Art Honor Society; member of Student Council for two years; vice-president of Youth Choir; named Most Likely to Succeed for four years; and selected to participate in 1987 Leadership Honors Seminar at the University of Alabama.

Boating Safety Class Offered

The United States Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 36, and Faulkner State will jointly sponsor the Boating Skills and Seamanship Public Education Course beginning Monday April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Room C-100 on the main campus of the college in Bay Minette. This is the first time that this course has been taught in the Bay Minette area and should be of interest to anyone who enjoys boating.

The classes will be held each Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning Monday, April 13 and ending Thursday, April 30. There will be a total of six two-hour class sessions that will cover all aspects of boating and boating safety. Although there is no charge for the class, there is a minimal charge for the course material. All classes will be conducted by experienced and qualified auxiliary personnel.

Flotilla 36—the Eastern Shore Flotilla—is a part of Division III which covers the Southern part of Alabama and Mississippi to the Louisiana border. The Boating Skills and Seamanship course is only one of the services to the public offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Panel Discusses Business Needs

In an effort to explain the needs of businesses and industries in the Wiregrass area, a panel of representatives from local businesses led a seminar during the Faculty Development Workshops held recently at Enterprise State Junior College. Serving on the panel (from left) are Brant Locklier of ConAgra, Frank Enoch of National Security Insurance; Wendell Briggs of Humana Hospital and Ken Farris of Coffee County Bank.

Volunteers Honored at Appreciation Dinner

Illiteracy is a serious problem nationally and locally. In Alabama, there are more than 200,000 adults who are functionally illiterate. In the fall of 1986, a workshop was held at Enterprise State Junior College for volunteers who would be willing to tutor adults who want to learn to read. The response to the workshop was overwhelming. Presently, there are 41 volunteers tutoring adults ranging from 18 to 60 years.

Recently, the volunteers were honored at an appreciation dinner held at ESJC. Dr. Joseph Talmadge, ESJC president, expressed his, as well as the college's, appreciation to these volunteers. "An educated society is the best way to protect ourselves. Your efforts do not go unrewarded," Talmadge concluded.

ESJC's PTK Wins National Awards

Twenty-seven members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society at Enterprise State Junior College attended the National PTK Convention held recently in Dallas, Texas, and brought home seven national awards. The chapter received the Top Ten Chapter award, Top Ten Advisor award, and a special publicity award for editing the State PTK newsletter.

Jeff Moon of Daleville, chapter president, was inducted into the Hall of Honor; Kayed Jwainat of Daleville was presented the Most Outstanding International Student award; Linda Gordon, co-advisor of the chapter, received the Fred Baker award for an advisor who has never attended the Honors Institute; and Dr. Jack Oden, co-advisor of the chapter, received the PTK Fellow award for 15 or more years of service as a PTK advisor.

Shown are (from left, 1st row) Linda Gordon, Jeff Moon, Jennifer Childree of Enterprise; and Dr. Oden; (2nd row) Kayed Jwainat; Amy Flowers, Ozark; Stephanie Averette and Rachel Stokes, Enterprise; (3rd row) Angie Mancil, Ozark and Janet Andress, Enterprise; (4th row) Gail Sauls, Hartford; Brooke Eatman, Ozark; Aletheia Walters, Chancellor; (5th row) Joe Milam, Enterprise; Barbara Worthy, Hartford; and Christine Gilmore, Samson; (6th row) Charlie Skinner, Hartford; Amy Oden and Karen Hamby, Enterprise; and Marla Riley, Newton; (7th row) Jessica Sturdivant, Ozark; Mike Whittle, Enterprise; Kelly Thurlow of Chancellor; and Chris Colbert, Enterprise.

Elliott Is Coach of Year

Pansy Elliott, coach of the Enterprise State Junior College women's basketball team, was voted the 1987 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year for the Southern Division. The award was presented by the Alabama Junior College Conference and the Pepsi-Cola Bottlers of Alabama. Elliott was recently appointed to serve on the executive committee of the College Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD). Shown presenting the award is Beth Harney, district manager of Pepsi-USA (left).

ESJC Math Tournament Hosts Largest Crowd Ever

More than 600 students and sponsors from 32 junior and senior high schools in the Wiregrass area attended the Math Tournament held recently at Enterprise State Junior College.

"This is our sixth math tournament," said Dr. Tommy Guthrie, dean of the college, as he welcomed the students. "And, this is the largest number of students to attend one of our tournaments."

Students competed in four categories—Algebra I and II, Advanced Math and Geometry. Team and individual awards were presented in each category.

Brewer

Brewer State Adds Physics Instructor

Working on the technical staff at Boeing computer Support Services in Huntsville is just one of the interesting positions Kenneth Robert Swinney, new physics instructor at Brewer State, has held. Mr. Swinney joined the College faculty in March.

Swinney earned a B.S. at George Peabody College and an M.S. at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He plans to complete his doctorate this summer. His graduate study, in addition to Vanderbilt, has been at Utah State University and at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

His teaching field includes not only physics but also physical science and mathematics.

Swinney and his wife, Sandra, have two children, Tiffany, an eighth grader, and Ted, a first grader. Mrs. Swinney is attending Brewer, majoring in biology.

Gordon Elected to Leadership Position

Chris Gordon, music instructor at Brewer State Junior College, will assume office in July as president-elect of the Association of Alabama College Music Administrators. The AACMA is an association made up of all chairmen of the schools and departments of music throughout the university, four year college, and junior and community college system in Alabama.

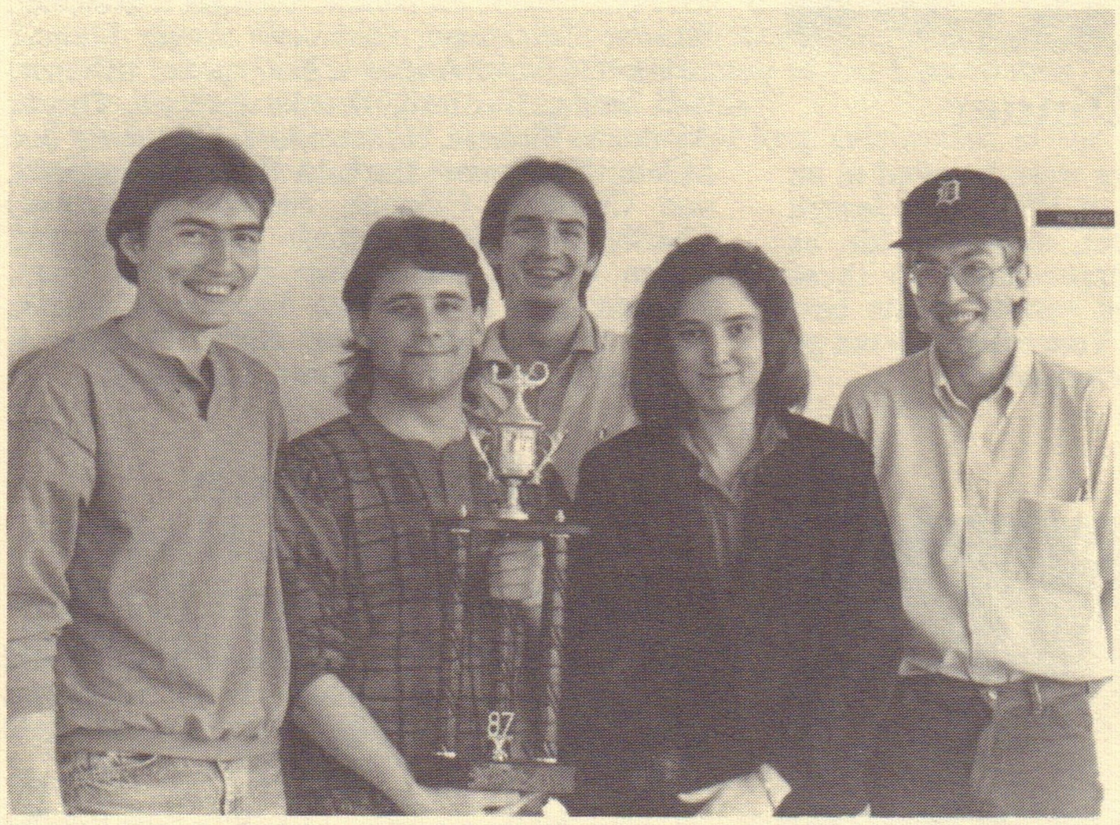
A graduate of the University of Alabama, Gordon was an active student member and leader of the Alabama Jazz Ensemble.

In 1986 he formed a Jazz Ensemble at Brewer State. This band won its first award at the Alabama State University Jazz Festival in April and was awarded a trophy for the junior college division.

Phi Theta Kappa initiates at Brewer State, shown at conclusion of ceremony held May 6, are proud of their academic accomplishments.
Row 1, L to R: Mechelle Speed, Pamela Smith, Rita Smith, Carol McLaughlin, Donna Sullivan, Debra Vinson, Annette Wilemon. Row 2, L to R: Ann Reid, Tina Cain, Barbara Brand, Deana Corbett, Laronda Williamson. Row 3, L to R: Donna Selman, Gloria Butler, Regina Price, Tara Boshell, Marilyn Dyer. Top row, L to R: Leslie Poyner, Melanie Hadsock, Lisa Leonard, Ron Van Houten, Mark Acker.

Officers Installed

The Alpha Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national honorary for business students, was formally installed in ceremonies held this spring at Brewer State. New officers of Phi Beta Lambda are officially ready to begin their duties after installation ceremonies. From the left Roger Mayfield, President; Donna Sullivan, Vice-President; Larissa Burnett, Reporter; Cynthia Fulmer, Secretary-Treasurer.



Brewer State students proudly display their trophy won in district four Scholar's Bowl competition. Photographed left to right are: Craig Cantrell, Vernon; Jim Mance, Winfield; Mark Acker, Eutaw; Linda Hollis, Winfield; Mitch Lollar, Berry.

Participants in the Career Fair held recently at Brewer State Junior College are: front row L to R, Steve Butler, Georgia Pacific; Allen Kaufman, U of A Social Work; Steve Nagy, U of A Health/PE/Recreation; Claire Black, Attorney; Kenneth Brackins, Northwest Alabama Mental Health; William Rey, U of A Engineering. Second row Gary Utz, RTI; Sunnee Speheer, Birmingham Museum of Art; Ted Peterson, Berry Parish United Methodist Church; Sgt. Mike Caldwell, U.S. Marines; Sgt. Ron Johnson, U.S. Marines; Billy Yessick, F.B.I. Back row Shaunelle Fowler, Accountant; Winston Hayes, Consolidated Computers; Officer Tom McDonald, U.S. Navy; Sgt. Clements, U.S. Army; Orzell Spencer, WCFT-TV.

BISHOP STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE

College Effectiveness Sets the Tone for Bishop State's Professional Workshops

The Faculty and Staff of S.D. Bishop State Junior College participated in a Professional Development Conference on the College Campus April 8-10, 1987. This activity was a part of the state-wide Professional Development Program sponsored by the office of the Chancellor of the Alabama College System. The general goal of the Bishop State Conference was to help faculty and staff become aware of some factors that contribute to the College's effectiveness. The anticipated result was that faculty and staff would become motivated to pursue personal and professional development goals that would help the college to enhance its effectiveness.

Among the key speakers was Dr. Edsel Godbey of the Education Improvement Program based in Atlanta, Georgia who spoke on the topic, "Planning and Evaulation in Institutional Effectiveness."

Gulf Distributing Company Makes Contribution to BSJC

Gulf Distributing Company, Inc. announced Friday, May 1, 1987 the completion of the special Colt 45 Malt Liquor program designed to generate funds for the benefit of the United Negro College Fund, and specifically, Bishop Junior College.

During February, 1987 Colt 45 Distributing Company, Inc. agreed to donate 10¢ a case for every case of Colt 45 sold in Mobile County to its licensed customers. Mrs. Freida Maisel, president of Gulf Distributing Company, Inc. said "I am pleased to announce a total contribution of $1,861.50. These generated funds are being presented to Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, President of Bishop State Junior College and will be used for scholarship aid as well as help to buy textbooks and/or equipment."

New Student Life Conference Complex Dedicated

The new Student Life Conference Complex located on the corner of Adams and Locus Streets on Bishop State's campus was dedicated Sunday, April 26, 1987 at 4:00 p.m.

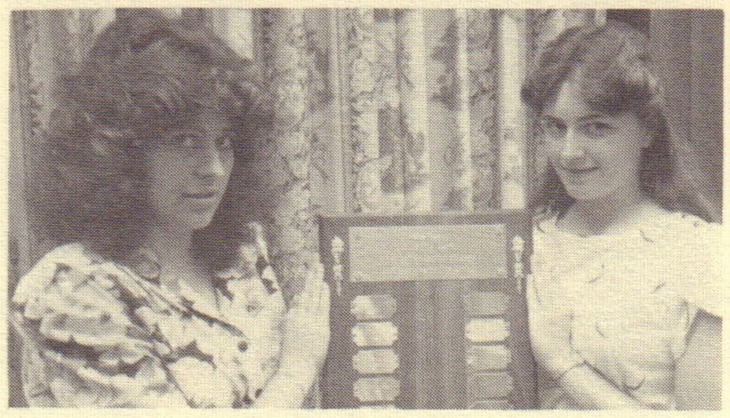
The Student Life Conference Complex at Bishop State is the result of a series of major activities at the College. In January, 1983, President Yvonne Kennedy appointed a committee of students, faculty and staff members to develop a plan for the Student Life Complex; the Committee completed its report in May, 1983 for a facility that would include about 44,000 square feet and would cost about three million dollars. In order to assist with financing the construction of the facility, the College conducted a Capital Campaign during which over one million dollars was raised. Fund raising counsel was provided by Ketchum Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina represented by Mr. Charles Benz.

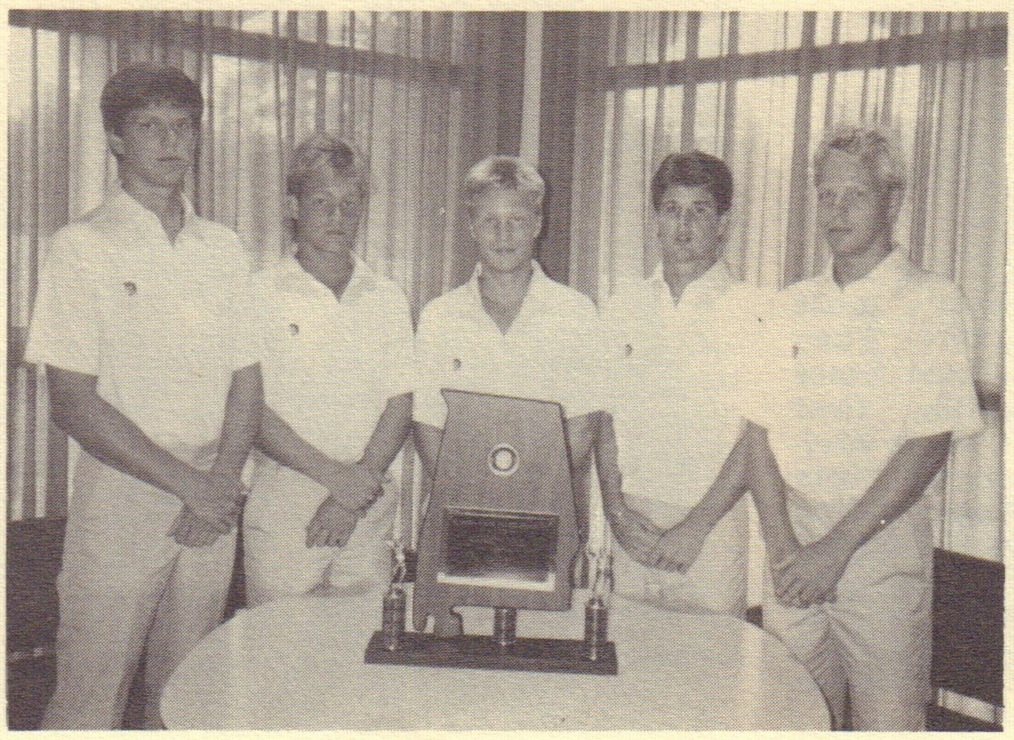
Alexander City

"Carousel", a musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein, was produced this spring by the choral department at Alexander City State Junior College. Under the direction of Ken Yates, choral instructor, three performances were given that utilized a cast composed of choral students as well as students from the local community.

Phi Theta Kappa Holds Initiation

The Omicron Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Alexander City State Junior College held spring initiation on Tuesday, May 26. Twenty students and three honorary initiates became chapter members at the ceremony. The initiates heard remarks and praise from ACSJC President, Dr. Byron Causey; Dean of Instruction, Dr. Charles Farrow and PTK faculty sponsor, Dr.Mary Marcinowski.





The Alexander City State Junior College golf team competed for the national junior college title in Odessa, Texas, June 8-12 as a representative of the Alabama Junior College Conference.

The golf program at ACSJC has produced 26 junior college All-Americans from among 15 Alabama Junior College Conference Championships and 16 NJCAA Regional Championships.

Chancellor Charles Payne (right) congratulates Dr. Humphrey Lee of Shelton State Community College, president, Deans of Students' Association, on the completion of a draft text of The Alabama College System's "Student Development Services Handbook." The manual, which was begun last year under the leadership of former association president Dr. Jo Beene of Calhoun State Community College, will be distributed systemwide in June.

The Alabama Junior College Library Association at its annual meeting in Birmingham elected the following officers to lead the organization during 1987-88: (left to right) Vice president-President elect, Joe Higgins, Chattahoochee Valley Community College; President, Debbie Chaffin, Northwest Alabama State Junior College; Secretary, Sully Cochrane, Shelton State Community College; and treasurer, Mike Grantham, Wallace Community College, Dothan. Organized in 1965, the association's purpose is to promote the welfare of junior college libraries and the professional interest of junior college librarians in Alabama.

At the annual meeting of the Alabama Junior College Library Association held in Birmingham in early Spring fifteen members were recognized for services rendered to Alabama junior colleges. The individuals, with the exception of one, have been retired for one or more years and together contributed more than 200 years of service to Alabama junior college libraries. Receiving retirement plaques (pictured left to right) Ara Sanders, Snead State Junior College; Lois Maxwell and Frances Hurst Dean, Jefferson State Junior College; Dale Welch, Patrick Henry State Junior College; Elizabeth Johnson and Eva Sparks, Northwest State Junior College; and Irlene Dobbins Ruth, Calhoun State Community College. Others honored but not present were Emma B. Garner, Northwest Alabama State Junior College; Helen Miller, Wallace State Community College, Dothan; Idelle Petty and Frank E. Hawkins, Gadsden State Community College; Eula Lewis Hardaway and Peggy Causey, Alexander City State Junior College; and Thomas Weaver, Alabama Christian College (now Faulkner University).

Chancellor Charles Payne poses with The Alabama College System's most outstanding students for 1987. They are Judy Nunnelley of Wallace State Community College/Hanceville, first runner-up in the technical college division; Mary Manier of Bessemer State Technical College, Most Outstanding Technical College Student; Gregory Millican of Northeast State Junior College, Most Outstanding Junior College Student; and Kelly Garner of Gadsden State Community College, first runner-up in the junior college division.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

District VIII State Board of Education member Dr. Evelyn Pratt (third from right), Chancellor Charles Payne (right) and coach Frank Gourdouze (left) pose with the "Lady Parsons" of Snead State Junior College. The team was recognized at the April State Board of Education meeting for winning the 1987 Region XXII basketball tournament. The "Parsons" were ranked seventh nationally.

Association officers for 1986-87 performed their last official duties at the spring Business Officers' meeting. Al Cox (left) of Bessemer State Technical College turned over the presidency to Roger Chandler (right) of Patrick Henry State Junior College. Debra Dahl, Department of Postsecondary Education, was re-elected secretary/treasurer for 1987-88. Jackie Burrow (not shown) of Northwest Alabama State Technical College was elected vice president. Forty-seven participants representing 38 colleges attended the meeting, which was held April 1 at Patterson State Technical College.

The Honorable Guy Hunt, Governor of Alabama, delivered the commencement address at the Snead State Junior College graduation ceremonies, Monday, June 8, 1987, 7:00 p.m. in Wallace-Plunkett Gymnasium. A cordial welcome to attend was extended to all family and friends of candidates for graduation, friends and supporters of Snead, friends of Governor Hunt, and to the general public.

Governor Hunt was born at Holly Pond in Cullman County, Alabama. He grew up on a farm in Cullman County and graduated from Holly Pond High School in 1950. He is married to Helen Chambers Hunt and they are the parents of four children: Pam Hunt, Mrs. Sherrie Williams, Keith Hunt, and Mrs. Lynn Gaddis.

During the Korean Conflict, he served in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division and the 1st Infantry Division. He was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Military Performance.

Governor Hunt has been actively involved in political affairs for a number of years. He ran for Alabama State Senate in 1962 and was elected Probate Judge of Cullman County in 1964. Re-elected in 1970, he served a total of twelve years, but did not seek re-election in 1976. He was actively involved in Presidential campaigns of Ronald Reagan in 1976 and 1980. In 1981, he was appointed Alabama State Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. He held this position until he resigned in March 1985 to campaign for governor.

A member of the Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church since 1946, he has served the past twelve years as elected Moderator of the Mt. Zion Association of Churches. He feels strongly about the moral issues facing our nation and has taken a strong public stand on these.

Following the Commencement Program, a reception honoring the 1987 Snead State graduates and Governor Hunt was held in the Student Union Building. All those attending graduation were invited to the reception.

Governor Hunt

Shelton

Shelton Creative Writing Students Publish Book

A reception and autograph party honoring 15 creative writing students from Shelton State Community College who authored a recently published book, *Back Talk to a Mirror,* was held recently in the junior college auditorium.

The book, which is an anthology of poetry and prose, ranges from short and humorous poems, to short stories, to lengthy novel excerpts.

Back Talk to a Mirror was written as part of a creative writing class offered through Senior Adult Studies at the college. Rick Shelton was the instructor for the course.

The reception was open to the public and the book may be purchased for $4.00.

Creative writing classes will be offered Summer quarter Monday and Wednesday at 12:25 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 12:25 p.m. A course in structuring the novel will be offered on Monday and Wednesday at 2:25 p.m.

SNEAD

Snead Places Nationally

The Snead State Junior College Lady Parsons 1986-87 Basketball team won the AJCCA Northern Conference Championship in regular season play, the Region XXII Tournament Championship, and placed seventh nationally in the NJCCA Tournament.

Snead Homecoming

Homecoming 1987 at Snead State Junior College culminated with the presentation of awards from the Alumni Association to honored recipients. Traditional awards were presented to the 1987 Alumna and Alumnus of the Year, and two new awards, The Distinguished Alumna of the Year and the Distinguished Patron Award were presented for the first time. Plaques honoring the recipients were presented to each by Snead State President William Osborn and 1987 Alumni President Jill Mitchem.

The 1987 Alumna of the Year is Mrs. Flossie Moore of Boaz, a 1922 graduate of John H. Snead Seminary.

Mr. Preston Watts of Huntsville is the 1987 Alumnus of the Year. A 1930 graduate of John H. Snead Seminary, he was valedictorian of his class.

The 1987 Snead State Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Jane Graham Finlay of Albertville.

Through her contributions to the Snead State Scholarship Fund, Mrs. Finlay has made it possible for a number of young people to continue their education.

Mrs. Nerine Elrod of Boaz was named recipient of the 1987 Snead State Distinguished Patron Award and currently serves as a member of the Snead State Advisors Committee.

Shown at the Awards Presentation are (l-r) Dr. Osborn, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Watts, Mrs. Elrod, Trey Finlay (Mrs. Finlay's son), and Mrs. Mitchem.

Development at Snead Professional

Snead State Junior College administration, faculty, and staff participated in professional development on both the local level and on the state level.

On Wednesday, the session began with a panel of occupational/vocational personnel who discussed recruiting at Snead. The panel, moderated by Dean Arra Lambert, consisted of Dr. Glenn Sexton, Animal Health Technology; Dr. Bobbie Glassco, Displaced Homemakers; James Parrish, Agriculture Programs; Rebecca Lancaster, Music Department; Phillip Smith, Computer Technology.

Also on Wednesday, Dr. Lawrence Robey, director of the Madison County Health Department, provided all personnel with excellent information on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome as it relates to an educational setting.

On Thursday and Friday, the faculty and administration went to Birmingham to attend the professional development activities planned on the state level. The College Street Singers from Snead performed Thursday evening. Professional development activities for support staff included eight hours of Wordstar and Lotus 1-2-3 instruction and a four-hour CPR training program.

State

Shelton Opens Life Writing Center

A new life writing center will open at the Junior College Division of Shelton State Community College on June 9 and will be available to the West Alabama community.

Katherine Alexander is director of the life writing program for the college.

According to Alexander, "life writing is not only a great contribution to history but it puts the contradictions, paradoxes and ambivalence of life into perspective. It restores our sense of self-sufficiency and personal identity that may have been shaped by the crosscurrents and tides of life."

"Sharing life experiences with others in a classroom situation is one of the best ways we have of giving new meaning to our present lives," Alexander said.

"Students may want to write a chronological account of their lives and times, or they may prefer to do selected episodes. It is possible for program participants to write about another family or person that they know well whose history they wish to record. The important thing is to preserve the invaluable accounts of daily life as they have known them."

Shelton Honors Student for Academic Excellence

Devin Earl Greenfield, the son of Herbert Greenfield and a 1985 graduate of Brookwood High School, was named the 1987 recipient of the Leo Sumner Award, the most prestigious award given by Shelton State Community College. Greenfield was one of the students recognized for academic excellence during the annual Honors Night ceremony held Friday at the college's Junior College Division.

Greenfield, who will leave Shelton with a perfect 4.0 average, has been awarded the Regent's Transfer Scholarship to Oklahoma State University.

While at Shelton State, Greenfield was president of Phi Theta Kappa, national junior college honorary, and this past spring represented the college in the Outstanding Student competition sponsored by Alabama's Office of Postsecondary Education.

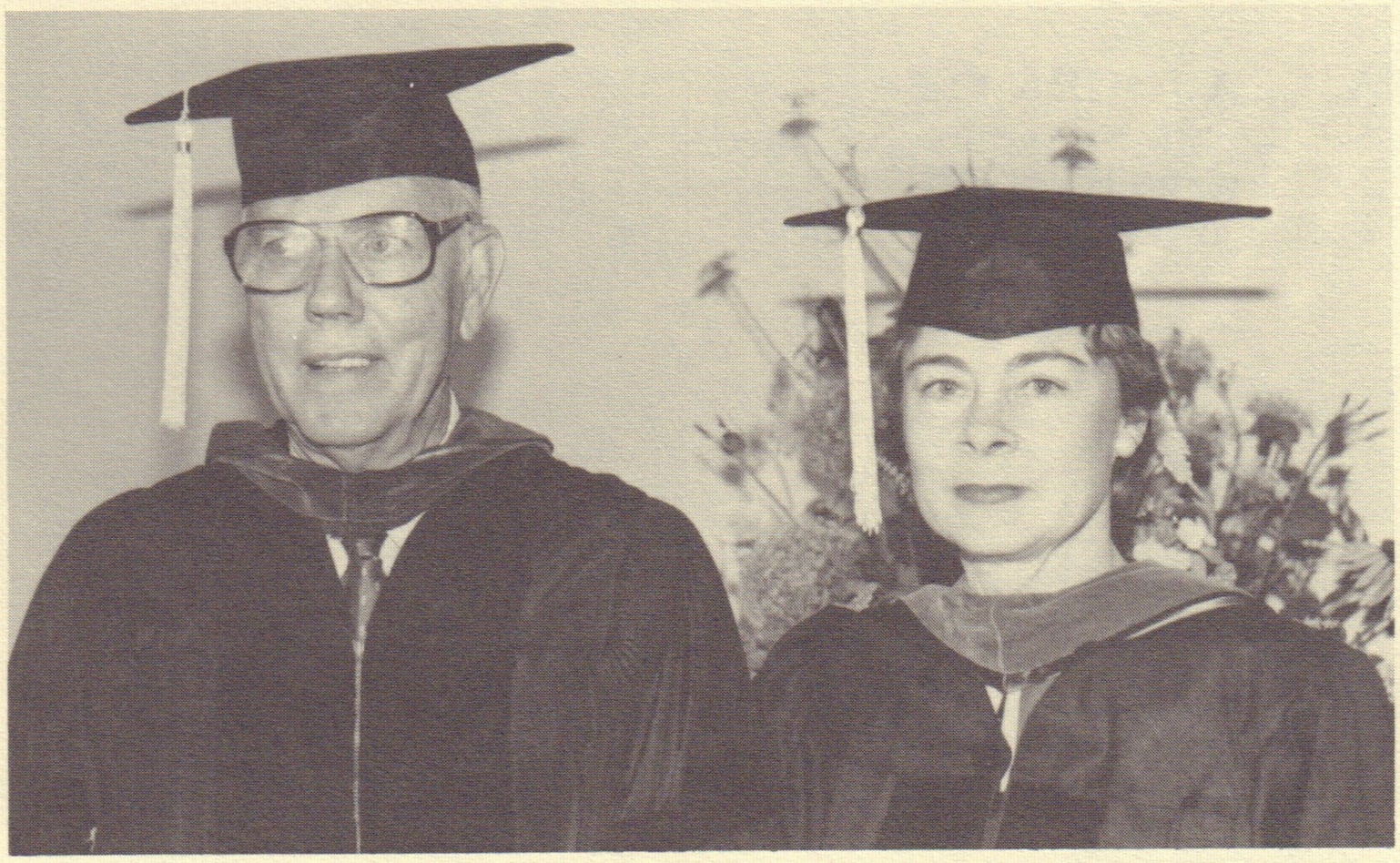
Shelton State hosted the April meeting of The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama. Shelton's Senior Studies and Canine Law Enforcement programs were highlighted to more than 200 guests.

Dennis Sampson, project coordinator for the Educational Talent Search program at Shelton State Community College, has had his book of poetry, *The Double Genesis,* chosen by the National Endowment for the Arts for display at the 39th Frankfort International Book Fair in Frankfort, Germany.

Sampson's book was published by Story Line Press in 1985. He is the recipient of an Alabama Fellowship for the Creative Arts and winner of an Academy of American Poets Prize. His work has appeared in magazines and periodicals throughout the country, including *The Hudson Review, The Black Warrior Review,* and *The Reaper.*

The Frankfurt International Book Fair is the largest of its kind in the world and the selection of his book, Mr. Sampson's first book of poetry, will make possible translation of his work into other languages.

A native of South Dakota, Sampson has lived in Tuscaloosa for five years.



Shelton has Combined Graduation Exercises

A historical moment in the life of Shelton State Community College occurred recently when the Technical and Junior College Divisions of the college joined together to honor their graduates as part of the 1987 Commencement exercises.

Annette Nevin Shelby, associate professor management, Georgetown University and the wife of Senator Richard Shelby (D-Ala.), was named Shelton's 1987 Commencement speaker.

Exercises were May 27 at the Bama Theatre. A reception at the Battle Friedman Home in honor of the 1987 graduates preceded the ceremony.

Shelton State Community College was formed by an act of the Alabama Legislature in January 1979 State Technical College in Tuscaloosa with the Tuscaloosa branch of Brewer State Junior College. The Alabama State Fire College was made a part of the community college in 1980. Today, Shelton is the fourth largest two-year institution in the state and serves students from a seven-county West Alabama area.

Shelton State

Shelton Digs in Downtown

Tuscaloosa is not unique in having a downtown archaeological site, said Bruce Bizzoco, a Shelton State Community College administrator who is supervising the project.

Urban archaeology projects have been undertaken in cities such as Boston and Houston, and are also numerous throughout Europe, Bizzoco said.

"Right now, urban archaeology is very popular. Cities have become very aware in the past few years that they have been built on history," said Bizzoco.

"In Europe, they have been doing this for years. They're very aware of their past, but because we (the United States) are newer, we are just starting to dig into our own past."

The volunteers working on Tuscaloosa's excavation project, which began recently on a city-owned block on the northwest corner of the intersection of Greensboro Avenue and University Boulevard, are hoping to discover artifacts dating to Civil War times.

During the mid-1800s, the block was the site of Alabama's first chartered state bank.

The project is being coordinated by the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society and involves the Heritage Commission of Tuscaloosa County, Shelton State Community College, the University of Alabama and the city of Tuscaloosa.

The volunteers have already managed to unearth a section of the foundation of the west wall of the bank building, Bizzoco said.

"We think we've got part of the foundation. It looks like rubble right now, but we believe it's part of the foundation," said Bizzoco.

The volunteers also have discovered some artifacts in the 6 to 8 inches of fill dirt spread over the site by the city in preparation for future paving.

The dirt was taken from the former site of the city's dump near River Hill, although Bizzoco noted that no artifacts from the former state bank building or vault building had been recovered as yet.

"We have found pieces of bottles and glass, but that was taken from the fill dirt. We haven't really found anything from the bank building or vault, but we probably will soon," Bizzoco said.

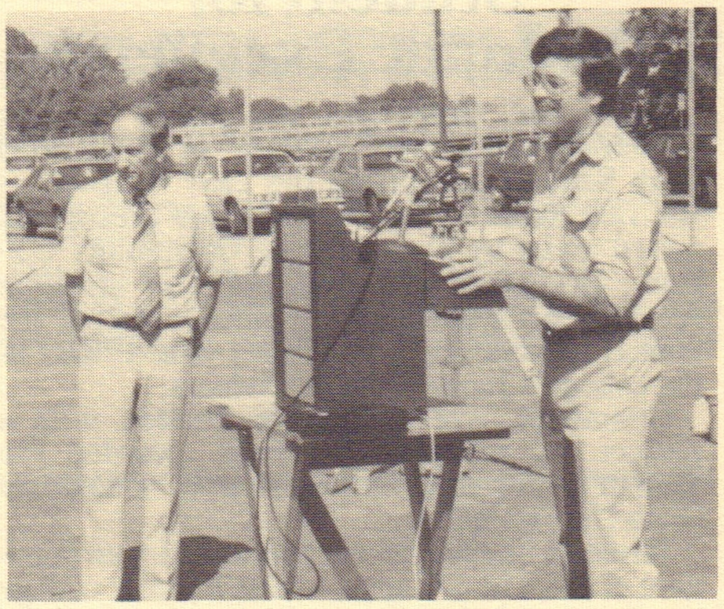
"As we proceed, one of the things we will have to do is bag and catalog the artifacts," said Bizzoco. "We're looking for anything that is man-made — ceramics, glass, spoons, whatever.

"Finding these artifacts is only part of it, the rest is cataloging it, processing it and photographing some parts of it," Bizzoco said.

Artifacts recovered from the state bank site which are found to be educational or otherwise significant may be photographed or displayed at a later date, Bizzoco said.

The bulk of the artifacts will most probably be stored for future reference in the state depository at Moundville, said Bizzoco.

The nine-week project is scheduled to continue through Aug. 1.



Bizzoco and Marvin Harper, director of Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society, announce plans during press conference.

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